## Wall Street Bounces **But Bear Still Lurks**

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribune
NEW YORK — Wall Street bounced back Tuesday in a sign of the volatility that traders said they expected to last for weeks if not longer. As it has in recent days, the frightened

and fickle bond market set the tone.

Within a half-hour of the New York Stock Exchange's opening bell, the Dow Jones in-dustrial average had risen 54 points, more than erasing Monday's loss of almost 43 points. The surge Tuesday forced the imposition of computerized trading curbs, which work on the upside as well as the down, for

the second straight day. Advancing issues led decliners by an almost 7-to-1 ratio, the re-verse of the situation during Monday's slide. The Dow hovered near that level for most

of the rest of the day, and closed up 82.06. points at 3,675.41. Other indices also rose, especially the Nasdaq index, which gained 22.64 points, to 750.05.

Fund managers were looking for bargains at the start of the quarter and snapped up every-thing from small stocks to blue-chips such as Caterpillar and J. P. Morgan to utilities, which have suffered from rising interest rates.

The gains were a breather from the marRising Rates, Depressing Dow Dow Jones industrial average 30-year Treasury bond yield in New York, %, 3.800

arounds like Tuesday's "can sustain a bounce for a couple of days, but you never see a crack like that and then find yourself in a bull

ket's 10 percent decline this year. Larry market. I think the free-fall is over, but not necessarily the correction." necessarily the correction." Interest rates on 30-year Treasury bonds, See MARKET, Page 5

## **Serb Forces Advance** Into Bosnian Enclave

## U.S. Efforts Troops Only For Peace Near 2 Miles From A Standstill

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

PARIS — After six weeks of rapid progress that raised hopes for an overall Bosnian settlement, U.S. attempts to settle the Balkan conflict are floundering, beset by a worsening mili-tary situation on the ground and a diplomatic impasse over what territorial concessions are needed for peace.

On the one hand, U.S. officials said, a Serbian offensive on the Muslim-held eastern Bosnian enclave of Gorazde and on Muslim civilians in northwestern Bosnia has posed the question of whether the Bosnian Serbs are seriously

interested in a settlement. On the other, they said, the Muslim-led Bosnian government has been showing growing resistance to an American proposal that it should accept a peace settlement offering the recently formed Muslim-Croat federation 51

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percent of the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and is pressing for considerably more land.

The Bosnian Serbs, after two years of war, control 72 percent of the territory and would thus have to reduce their share to 49 percent under this U.S. proposal, which has been agreed on with the British, French and German

governments.
"We're not prepared to go beyond 51 percent for the Muslims, which is the position we have agreed with the Europeans and that Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic had indicated last year would be acceptable," said one official close to the U.S. diplomatic efforts. "But the Muslims are now saying they want all ethnically cleansed land back, and there's just no way

you can fit that into 51 percent."

The combination of Serb brutality in Gorazde and Prijedor and the hardening position of Mr. Izetbegovic's government has brought the diplomatic efforts led by the U.S. special envoy, Charles Redman, to a virtual standstill, officials

"Right now, we're treading water," said a second official. "There was enormous movement in recent weeks and a hope that the improvement in Sarajevo would have an ameliorating effect elsewhere. Those hopes are floundering. There are worrying troop movements on all sides and no sign of a turnaround

Conflicting reports exist on the intensity of the Serbian attack on Gorazde, and U.S. officials believe accounts from Sarajevo radio are

probably exaggerated. But whatever its true extent, the attack is clearly not compatible with an earnest Serbian desire for a settlement. Indeed, U.S. officials believe it looks more like a way to buy time and a reflection of the divergent positions among Serbian leaders in both Serbia and Bos-

These divergences appear to be increasingly marked. President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia is eager to find a settlement because his priority is to ensure the lifting of crippling

sanctions on the rump Yugoslav state.

But the Serbian military commander in Bosnia, General Ratko Mladic, is opposed to the surrender of any captured land, and convinced that the goal of a "Greater Serbia" is best

served by the prosecution of the war. "Madic remains hard-core," said one offi-cial. "He's not budging from land where Scrbi-an soldiers have sacrificed their lives."

The latest Serbian offensive in Gorazde and the wave of killings and forced evictions of Muslims in Prijedor followed a shattering personal tragedy for General Mladic. His 23-year-old daughter, Ana, a fifth-year medicial student

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# City of Gorazde

By Chuck Sudetic

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Nationalist Serbian fighters poured through breached Bosnian Army defense lines around the UN-declared "safe area" of Gorazde Tuesday, setting fire to a dozen villages in their path and forcing more than a thousand Muslims to flee, United Nations officials here said. "The Serbs are going for it," said a UN

official. "They are going to at least try to take over the eastern end of the pocket and push the Muslims over the river."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, referred to the Drina River, which sects the Gorazde pocket.

"The Serbs moved ahead one kilometer north to the river," the official said.

Another United Nations official said the Bosnia Serbian forces had advanced northward to within two miles (three kilometers) of the city of Gorazde, which is jammed with refugees.

[In Washington, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff said Tuesday that the use

of allied air power would not be appropriate to

break the siege of Gorazde, Reuters reported. ["I think the conditions were very different," said General John Shalikashvili, referring to Sarajevo, where the United States supported the threat of intervention with air power to force Serbian forces to pull back. "Those same conditions might once again come to pass in Gorazde, and then I'm sure NATO will re-

evaluate its stance," he said.] Bosnian radio, whose accounts from Gorazde over the last week have mostly been borne out by subsequent United Nations reports said Tuesday night that a total of 73 people had been killed and about 300 wounded in the eight-day-old Serbian offensive.

The spokesman in Sarajevo for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Kris Janowski, said that UN aid workers in Gorazde had confirmed 52 dead and 249 wounded.

"Refugees from about eight villages have arrived in Gorazde," Mr. Janowski said, esti-mating that about 1,500 uprooted people had sought shelter in private homes, schools and other institutional buildings in Gorazde.

"Practically all the civilians south of the Drina bend have been dislocated," he said. indicating that some Muslims fleeing villages south of the town of Gorazde had crossed the

Drina River from the east bank, seeking shelter. The Serbian offensive showed no signs of easing despite the fact that the senior UN military commander in Bosnia, Lieutenant General Michael Rose, was scheduled to visit

Gorazde on Wednesday. Serbian infantry and tank assaults late Tuesday were most bitter from the direction of Ustipraca, a Serb-held village north of Gor-azde, Sarajevo radio said. New, heavy Serbian

artillery barrages began on front-line positions in the area about 4:30 P.M., it said. Except for penetrations of Serb-held territory by Muslim commando units, Gorazde's 65,000 people have been cut off since last May

from the central swath of Bosnia that is controlled by Bosnian Army forces. Bosnian Army officers in Sarajevo said that

the defenders of Gorazde were dangerously low on ammunition.

UN observers reported last week that one of the Serbs' objectives was to take over a weapons-assembly facility on the Drina's east bank inside the town. The Serbs clearly covet Gorazde because it

lies along the Drina as well as a main highway linking Serbia's capital, Belgrade, with the Serb-held towns farther upstream and the Croatian resort city of Dubrovnik

## Frustrated, Berlusconi Halts Talks With Alliance

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME - After a week of bickering within his triumphant, rightist electoral alliance, the media tycoon Silvio Berhisconi said late Tuesday he was suspending negotiations with his truculent partners aimed at welding together a

government-in-waiting.
It was not clear if the development meant that the rightist alliance had fallen apart completely. However, the announcement threw Italian politics into disarray and took much of the luster off an electoral landslide just one week ago that many cast as a herald of change. Mr. Berhisconi had believed he could bring

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The Italian election marked a fundamental change to winner-takes-all politics. Page 2.

Milan's snappy business techniques to government. But he found himself in a collision with the more familiar logiams of political maneuvering and ill-disguised power-plays. And his decision to suspend the negotiations raised the stakes to their highest levels yet.

"Enough of the duplicity and the old games of the old politics," Mr. Berlusconi declared. From today we will not go to the League or to anyone else," he said in a reference to the separatist Northern League, whose rough tongued leader, Umberto Bossi, issued his lates broadside against the media magnate Tuesday, calling him "Berluskaiser" and saying democracy would be jeopardized if the businessman

fulfilled his ambition to become prime minister. While there was a clear element of political maneuvering in Mr. Berlusconi's announcement, he said that, rather than pursue negotia-tions, he would wait until President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro decided whom to ask to form a govern-

Under constitutional rules, Mr. Scalfaro cannot do that until the new parliament elected in the March 27-28 elections meets on April 15 to elect the speakers of its upper and lower houses. If that process failed to produce a government, Mr. Berlusconi said, "we have no fear of going back to the electorate," apparently raising the possibility of new elections to pressure his allies

In last week's ballot, a 366-seat absolute majority in the 630-member lower house went to the rightist alliance composed of Mr. Berluscom's Forza Italia party, the Northern League and the neofascist National Alliance led by Gianfranco Fini. Official results gave Mr. Ber-husconi 155 seats, Mr. Bossi 106 and Mr. Fini 105, although Mr. Bossi now says his party won more. The figures mean that all three components of the alliance are vital to retaining a

Mr. Berhisconi had planned to meet Wednesday with Mr. Bossi to continue the weeklong effort to agree on a government platform and a sharing of portfolios so that the alliance could respond quickly to a request by Mr. Scalfaro to form a government.

However, in a typically unruly tirade, Mr. Bossi renewed his objections to Mr. Berlusconi becoming prime minister. "Beware of Berluskaiser," Mr. Bossi said,

running Mr. Berlusconi's name together with the title of the German kaisers of yore. Berlusconi is the problem because, thanks to his TV, he can manipulate public opinion, he said. "Because of this we say we are in a state

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## Panel Throws KwaZulu Vote Into Doubt

By Paul Taylor

EMPANGENI, South Africa - Voting is not feasible in the black homeland of KwaZulu in the current climate of fear, intolerance, intimidation and violence, the commission running South Africa's first democratic, multira-cial election announced Tuesday night in an

With just three weeks until the April 26-28 vote, the gloomy report from the Independent Electoral Commission's chairman, Johann Kriegler, will increase the pressure on a politi-

It will be attended by President Frederik W. de Klerk, Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the Zulu king, Goodwill Zwelithini.

Mr. Mandela said Tuesday night he had grave reservations" about the election commission's report and said any delay in the balloting "would be playing into the hand of those who don't want the election to take place." He said he had "new proposals" to

cal summit on the KwaZuhi crisis scheduled for make to the king in the hope of breaking the

Both Mr. Buthelezi, who is chief minister of KwaZulu, and King Zwelithini have called for an election boycott, saying the new post-apart-heid constitution does not give enough power to the regions and fails to accommodate the Zulu assertion of sovereignty.

KwaZulu is the largest of South Africa's 10 black homelands created under apartheid and is home to some 5.5 million blacks, the vast majority of them Zulus. All 10 homelands are

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## U.S. on Spot Over Jailed China Dissident

By Lena H. Sun

Washington Post Service
BEIJING — The rearrest of China's most ington Post Service prominent political dissident, Wei Jingsheng appears to set the United States and China on a sion course over human rights.

Unless Mr. Wei is released soon, this second arrest is likely to seriously undermine efforts by the Clinton administration to argue that China is making the kind of progress on human rights needed to merit an extension of Beijing's nonrestrictive trading status known as most-favorednation status.

"When they've arrested China's most important dissident, it is very hard for State Depart-ment officials to say China is making signifi-cant progress on human rights," said Robin Munro, Hong Kong director for Human Rights

The move appears to be a calculated risk by the ruling Chinese Communist Party. Despite negative repercussions over Mr. Wei's detenprevail over human rights concerns.

The commonly held belief among Chinese officials and Western analysts here is that the United States, fearful of being shut out of the world's biggest emerging market, will find a way to renew China's trading status in early

Mr. Wei, 43, was detained Friday by seven carloads of police as he was returning to the capital from the nearby port of Tianjin. He spent most of last month traveling outside of ing, apparently under pressure from the

The authorities are now saying that Mr. Wei is "being interrogated and placed under surveillance by the Beijing Public Security Department" because "he violated the law on many occasions and he is suspected of having con mitted new crimes when he was deprived of his political rights and on parole," the official Xin-

tion. Chinese leaders seem to be betting that hua press agency said. It did not say what the American economic interests will ultimately new offenses were, or where he was being held. new offenses were, or where he was being held. In Beijing, the U.S. Embassy said it had 'expressed concern about Mr. Wei's simution"

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## U.S. Says Saddam **Offers Bounties**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The United States charged Tuesday that Saddam Hussein's government was offering bounties of up to \$10,000 to anyone killing UN workers and other foreigners in northern Iraq. "The United States strongly condemns re-

cent attacks against United Nations personnel and journalists in northern Iraq over the past several weeks," a State Department spokesman, Michael McCurry, said.

At United Nations headquarters in New York, a spokesman said two UN guards were wounded Tuesday in an attack on a convoy in a Kurdish region of northern Iraq.

A Kurdish group blamed Mr. Saddam for

the death of the only permanent foreign journalist in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq. Lissy Schmidt, 35, a German a free-lance correspondent for Agence France-Presse and German media, was shot dead along with her bodyguard in an ambush Sunday.

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## Zhirinovsky and Friends: Quite a Party introduction of guests, including a German neofascist, a delegation sent by President Sad-quarter of the votes in the parliamentary elec-

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the ultranationalist whose party surprised the world in December with its strength in Russia's parliamentary elections, has put on a show that gave some inkling of what he might do if he ever came to power.

The Fifth Congress of his Liberal Democratic Party of Russia, held in a meeting hall on Moscow's outskirts last weekend, began with a lineup on stage of "Zhirinovsky's Falcons," 18 young men in blue uniforms and black boots, some wearing dark glasses, all with side arms strapped to their waists. Then there was the

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dam Hussein of Iraq, and a Russian general recently freed from prison for his role in the uprising against President Boris N. Yeltsin in

But the crowning moment came when the 343 delegates, with not a single dissenting voice, not even a whimper of debate, raised their pink party cards in unison and voted to make Mr. Zhirinovsky their dictator, with full powers to control all party affairs, from fmances to appointments, until April 2, 2004. With the same vote, the delegates also agreed not to bother meeting again until 1997 - one year after Mr. Zhirinovsky, by his most conservative estimate. will have become president of Russia, heading a "one-party government."

"The leader and the party are one and the same." Mr. Zhirinovsky said in his opening speech. This regime is in its final agony. And when a sick man is lying on the operating table, you need a single doctor, not a team of consultants." He also took his first swipe, indirectly, at Mr. Yeltsin, describing the 63-year-old presi-

dent as ailing and in need of early retirement. There is no letup from the bombastic Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose party turned Russian poli-

tions. Though his outbursts have elicited guffaws or outrage here and abroad, they have also had an unmistakable effect on Russian and international politics. The Yeltsin government has absorbed the "Zhirinovsky factor," notably in its foreign policy, which now puts considerable, and repeated, emphasis on the need to assert Russia's great-power status and on the interests of the 25 million ethnic Russians living outside the country. What is less clear is his success at building a

solid base for future electoral campaigns. His party did poorly in recent local elections, and polls continue to show that a majority of voters do not regard Mr. Zhirinovsky as a serious contender for the presidency. In a survey of 1,500 people by the Russian

search at the end of March, 63 percent said they did not trust Mr. Zhirinovsky at all. "It was some kind of a splash," said Gennadi Burbulis, a political strategist closely allied to the Yeltsin camp, referring to the December results. "Three months were enough to realize

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CHAMPIONS - Corliss Williamson, right, and Corey Beck embracing on the court after Arkansas beat Duke, 76-72, to win its first NCAA basketball title. Page 17 By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME - If Italy's election turns out to herald the peaceful revolution some forecast before the vote, the reason will not just lie in new faces and new promises of change after years of corruption and stagnation.

Kather, the most fundamental change will be in the relationship between winner and loser, between a government and an opposition that will have to digest the most shocking implication of the vote: In Italy's new political system, the winner takes almost everything and the loser gets virtually nothing.

For more than 40 years, Italian politics developed on a system the Italians call consociativismo, which denoted the compromise and pain-easing that co-opted the government's opponents into the machinery of power. Even in opposition, the ts - now called the Democratic Party of the Left - kept a solid share of the spoils.

The Communists controlled one of the three state-run television channels, just as the Christian Democrats and the Socialists did. They provided the speaker of Parliament and the heads of important parliamentary commissions. Business cooperatives set up by the party shared in big state contracts. Legislation on labor

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rights, pensions and health care preempted serious opposition to successive Christian Democrat-led coalitions as politicians and businessmen plundered thestate coffers.

"They were never in government," said Paolo Viola, a historian in Palermo, "but they were always part of the power struc-

Last week, though, when a rightist alli-

Berlusconi surged to victory, it did so under a newly legislated political system that broke with the proportional representation underpinning this reswritten pact between government and opposi-tion, the central principle of Italy's politi-

And now, the left - embedded in Italian politics for decades, since the struggle against fascism — faces a reappraisal as profound as it confronted after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Signs that Mr. Berlusconi's alliance wants to play these new rules to the full

are already apparent. Gianfranco Fini, the neofascist leader whose 105 parliamentary seats are crucial to the right's 366-seat majority in the ower house, said in a recent interview: "Enough with consociativismo in man-

stress it more than me.' He threatened "a radical renewal of

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ance led by the media magnate Silvio the 40-year-old nomenclature of this Berlusconi surged to victory, it did so country" — a warning that applied as much to the left as it did to the former Christian Democrats, who emerged from the election with only 46 lower house

> Massimo d'Alema, deputy leader of the former Communists, has expressed fears that "delicate balances" will be upset by the vote.

"If the majority does not respect the minority," he said, "we will end up not in Europe but in certain parts of Latin

Under the new electoral system, Italians chose three-quarters of the lower house of Parliament under a direct-voting system in each district, and the reing 25 percent under the old proportional system. Voters cast one vote for an agement, in government. Nobody can individual candidate and one vote for the

party of their choice. In the party vote, the Democratic ParBerlusconi's Forza Italia party.

Forza Italia secured 21 percent of the vote and the former Communists 20.4 percent, which is 4 percent higher than their share of the ballot in the last national elections in 1992. They were bolstered by surprise victories in part of the conservative south, which had traditionally supported the defunct Christian Democrats.

Because Forza Italia is aligned with two other major rightist parties, its coali-tion has 58 percent of the seats, while the former Communists and their weaker allies have only 34 percent of the total.

But the fact that the leftists showed such strong voter support gives them reason for hope. Moreover, they remain probably the best-organized, deepest-rooted and widest-spread group among the main players to emerge from last week's election. But they have yet to define how they will build credentials as a credible alternative.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### **Britain Bars Talks During IRA Truce**

DUBLIN (Reuters) - Hours before the Irish Republican Army's most important cease-fire since 1975, Britain stuck firmly on Tuesday to its view that the unilateral three-day truce was not enough to unlock a stalled

But Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, said it still hoped that London would use the break in fighting to contact it to explain a British-Irish peace offer. The cease-fire could then become open-ended, Sinn Fein has hinted. But Britain remained unimpressed.

"What is needed is not a three-day cease-fire, after which the killing would begin again, but a permanent end to violence," a British government spokesman said Tuesday.

#### New Tally of Space Shots Gone Awry

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Since the space age began, 271 missions have failed or malfunctioned and two-thirds of the failures were Soviet or

Russian, according to a new study released on Tuesday.

Of the 271 missions cited, 108 were considered failures. They included infamous tragedies, such as the 1986 shuttle Challenger disaster, as well as less costly, unmanned missions that went awry. The study by the Virginia-based Teal space consulting company said 71 of the payload failures since 1958 were Soviet or Russian in origin, and 34 were American. It did not give the total number of successful missions.

The Soviet-made Cosmos satellite accounted for more than half of the Soviet payload failures. Most of the U.S. payload failures occurred during the 1960s. About one dozen of the failures were unmanned planetary probes in that decade, but three major missions failed in 1992

#### Malaysia Warns on 'Schindler's List'

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Malaysia warned the distributor of the Holocaust film "Schindler's List" on Tuesday that it could not demand

that the movie be shown here uncut. The warning followed a cabinet decision last week to lift a ban on the film, which Malaysian censors had rejected as propaganda designed to gain support for Israel and Jews. At the time, it was said that the film still might be subject to cuts, particularly of scenes depicting sex or violence. United International Pictures then said that the Academy Award-winning movie, directed by Steven Spielberg, would not be screened in Malaysia if any scenes were cut.

"Don't point a pistol at us while asking for something," Deputy Home Minister Megat Junid Megat Ayob said on Tuesday. "Spielberg does not

#### Children Were in Cockpit, Panel Says

MOSCOW (Reuters) — A Russian government commission investigating the crash of an Aeroflot Airbus 310 that killed all 75 people aboard confirmed Tuesday that one of the cockpit crew was showing his children how to pilot the plane minutes before it went down. A commission statement did not say directly that this was the reason for the March 23 crash in Siberia.

The statement said the flight recorders showed the scheduled flight from Moscow to Hong Kong was proceeding without any problems until it had passed over the Siberian city of Novokuznetsk.

It then said: "It was established that present in the cockpit were the son and a daughter of a crew member who, in violation of flight rules, was demonstrating and explaining to them the principles of piloting a plane. Four minutes after passing Novokuznetsk the plane diverted to the right more than it should, which resulted in a sharp loss of altitude and collision with the ground."

#### Delhi Protesters Attack Trade Pact

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Several policemen and demonstrators were injured Tuesday as tens of thousands of people protested against the government's acceptance of a world trade agreement.

Witnesses said the police had been hurt by stones thrown by some in the crowd protesting the pact reached late last year by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and due to be ratified next week in Morocco. The protesters, from trade unions and agricultural, youth and women's groups, said the agreement was against India's interests.

The government denies the demonstrators' claim that the pact would allow foreign companies to patent the high-yielding seeds that in the 1960s set off the "green revolution" that made India largely self-sufficient in food grains. Some of the protesters also say that India's new marketoriented economic program favors the rich.

#### Rutskoi Calls for Ouster of Yeltsin

MOSCOW (Renters) — Former Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi began a campaign on Tuesday to remove President Boris N. Yeltsin from office, dealing a new blow to the Russian leader's hopes for a political

In a confrontational interview published in Pravda, Mr. Rutskoi, 46, called Russia's leaders swindlers and villains and ruled out any chance of reconciliation. In October, Mr. Rutskoi led a violent uprising against Mr. Yeltsin, whose five-year term ends in mid-1996. Mr. Rutskoi was freed from prison in February after he was granted amnesty by the parliament.

"There should be no illusions about the possibility of any changes for the better under this president and this government," he said. "That is why it is necessary to stop playing with consensus or agreements and get down to work - to change the authorities by legal methods."

## TRAVEL UPDATE

#### leading historians, will explain for the first time how Soviet troops interned captured Nazis and other Strike May Shut Paris-Area Museums political opponents there from 1945 to 1950, a fact kept quiet dur-

PARIS (Reuters) - Labor unions threatened to close some of France's leading museums in a 24-hour strike planned for Wednesday to back

demands for higher wages and better working conditions.

The Democratic Labor Federation said the stoppage could close the Louvre and Orsay museums in Paris and the Versailles palace near the capital, and cause severe disruption at other museums. Four unions are organizing the strike, saying the museums' staff of 2,500 were getting insufficient pay for increasingly complex duties.

Paris authorities braced for a subway and bus strike Thursday over feared job losses in a proposed transport reform bill for the capital region. The work stoppage, called by most of the transport unions, is expected to be widely observed and cause major disruptions. (AFP)

the plan on Saturday just before surviving inmates mark the 49th Lego, the Danish toymaker, said it would build its first theme park outside Denmark at Britain's old Windsor Safari Park, to the west of

pose a smaller separate museum on the Stalinist era so that the main focus remains on the Nazis' crimes. Greek tobacco growers blocked road and rail links between Athens and "You simply cannot put what the Soviets did on a par with what

the northern port of Salonika for a fifth day on Tuesday to protest low

Foreign tour groups alarmed by bombings at Istanbul's historic sites are canceling vacations to Turkey in large numbers. A Spanish man and a Tunisian women were killed and 13 people were wounded in a bomb explosion at the city's 15-century covered market on Saturday, the second attack on the bazaar in 10 days. Four people were hurt in a blast there on March 24. Three tourists were injured in a blast in the garden of the 6thcentury Haghia Sophia basilica on March 27.

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## Japan's Reactor Puts It on Path to Fuel Independence

By T. R. Reid

Washington Post Service SHIRAKI, Japan - Japan took an important step along its bold and controversial course toward energy independence Tuesday when engineers flawlessly started a sustained nuclear reaction in an experimental plutonium-fueled pow-

er plant The Monju reactor plant, a big inverted concrete thimble, is a \$6 billion prototype of a chain of breeder reactors the Japanese plan to build around this archipelago. which has no fossil fuel resources.

Breeder reactors have been run on a smaller scale in the United States for decades. They are designed to breed new fuel at the same time they produce heat — like a fireplace that burns all night but has more logs the next morning than it started with.

When the Monju reactor was planned a generation ago, this seemed perfect for a power-hungry industrial nation that has to import virtually all its energy supply. But today the plan looks less attractive, because the fuel it breeds is plutonium, a dangerously toxic material that can be used for nuclear bombs, and is currently in oversupply around the world.

Mindful of criticism, particularly

from foreign environmental groups, officials here are now stressing another aspect of their breeder-reactor concept: with some design changes, a reactor like the Monju can be made to consume

helpful, the breeder reactor tech-

Japan's utility industry and the government, particularly since there is a glut of uranium fuel and plutonium is more expensive and

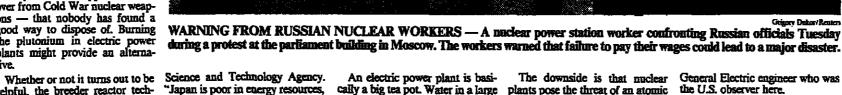
century, or the 22d century," said ing strongly Satsuki Eda, director of Japan's production.

rather than breed plutonium. If that is possible, breeder reac-

tors might be beneficial to the U.S. and other countries now saddled with plutonium supplies - left over from Cold War nuclear weapons - that nobody has found a good way to dispose of. Burning the plutonium in electric power plants might provide an afterna-

nology has been expensive. The plant here was years behind schedule in reaching Tuesday's chain reaction, or "initial criticality," and it cost far more than a normal reactor plant of the same size. This has been embarrassing to

But the Japanese are thinking ahead. "This is a plan for the 21st



so we have to use the power of our

technology to build a future for

Japan is the financial and technological leader of Asia and its commitment to nuclear plants to meet future power needs is being followed all over the world's most populous continent. While nuclear development has been stalled because of political opposition in Europe and the United States, China, South Korea, and the developing nations of Southeast Asia are mov-

ing strongly into nuclear power

An electric power plant is basically a big tea pot. Water in a large pot is heated, and the steam drives turbines to make electricity.

A coal- or oil-fueled plant works something like a kitchen stove, with a fire to boil the water. This is cheap, at least for countries with ready access to coal or oil, but it produces air pollution and the greenhouse gasses" some believe cause global warming.

In a nuclear plant, a controlled atomic reaction releases heat energy to replace the fire. With no burning fuel, there is no air pollu-tion and no increase in global

The downside is that nuclear plants pose the threat of an atomic accident, like those that made Three Mile Island and Chemobyl part of everyone's disaster language. Disposal of used fuel is also difficult.

This possibility has not yet proven to be a political block to nuclear

The Japanese have more faith both in the wisdom of government regulators and in the virtues of technology than have Americans and others. Moreover, the Japanese safety record in the 42 reactors operating now has been excellent, according to Allen E. Dubberley, a coording to news reports.

General Electric engineer who was the U.S. observer here. Accordingly, the Japanese public

has been essentially passive - not eagerly supportive of nuclear power, but not agitated against it, either. Most of the opposition to Japan's plutonium reactor plan has come from American and British

anti-nuclear groups.

Tuesday's long-awaited chain reaction at Monju was the chief news
of the day all over Japan. But only a scattered group of protesters gathered on the sunny beach here, beating drums and chanting. A planned demonstration in Tokyo, mean-

**New Exhibit** 

Planned for

**Buchenwald** 

Reuters

new museum plan for the former

Nazi concentration camp at Bu-

chenwald this week to show how it

was used not only by the Nazis but

by Soviet occupation forces and

East German Communist propa-

The new exhibit, designed by

ing four decades of Communist

It will also redesign the existing

exhibit on the Nazi era, an East

German display that glorifies the

resistance work of Communist in-

mates at Buchenwald, the museum

The historians, who will unveil

anniversary of their liberation, pro-

the Nazis did," Mr. Brans said.

About 56.000 inmates died un-

der the Nazis in Buchenwald, a

hilltop camp near Weimar in East

Germany, and another 10,000 fell

victim to harsh Soviet post-war in-

director, Werner Brans, said.

gandists.

BONN - Germany will unveil a

#### **Pyongyang Sees Shades of 1950** U.S. Recalls Crayons, War Could Break Out at Any Moment, North Korea Says In Seoul on Tuesday, meanwhile,

more than 2,000 students fought

ploy the Patriot missiles. Dozens of

students were injured in clashes

with about 1,000 riot police offi-

cers. About 300 students were ar-

Protesters shouting for South

Korea's president to resign

marched onto a busy street after a

two-hour campus rally. They also

accused Mr. Kim's government of

having made too many concessions

in lowering barriers to foreign rice

Chad Says Libya to Start

and other farm products.

Korean press agency said Tuesday Korea one on the heels of the other, with police officers during a protest the Korean Peninsula, with the situation closely resembling that on the eve of the 1950-53 Korean con-

In an alarmist assessment of events related to the crisis over Pyongyang's suspected nuclearweapons program, the Korean Central News Agency said, "A touch-and-go situation is prevailing on the Korean Peninsula in which a war may break out any

moment.' The agency said the United States was planning to stage provocative large-scale war games, de-ploy Patriot missiles in South Korea and ship in additional troops and weapons to counter an antici-

pated North Korean attack. "The U.S. military has worked out an operational plan to hurl 600,000 troops, more than 200 war-ships and 1,600 aircraft and so on from the U.S. mainland within 80 days in case of an 'emergency' on the Korean Peninsula," the agency

"On bellicose orders from the U.S. ruling quarters and under their aggressive war plan, 48 U.S. missile launchers and a more than 800-man Patriot missile unit are on their way to South Korea at pre-

It added: "Overseas-based war-

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TOKYO — The official North

planes of various types are flying into U.S. Air Force bases in South and the airlifted aggressor troops and lethal equipment are being deployed in operational zones. And U.S. vessels including a

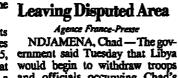
nuclear aircraft carrier are at so close a range that they can reach the coastal area of Korea within 24 The news agency cited the call by South Korea's president, Kim

Young Sam, to his military chiefs to set up what it called a thoroughgoing alert posture against the North, a South Korean military alert and a visit by the country's prime minister to frontline units. These and several other ominous developments, the agency said, "tell that the situation on the Kore-

an Peninsula resembles that on the eve of the past Korean War." Although North Korea insists that U.S. and South Korean forces attacked northward on June 25, 1950, history generally records that it was the North that launched a

massive invasion on that day. The war seemed lost for the United States and South Korea until General Douglas MacArthur landed a UN-mandated force at Inchon, on the Yellow Sea coast, threatening the North's supply lines and causing China to intervene on North Korea's side.

The war became stalemated, and t was not until 1953 that the two sides signed the truce that has maintained a tense peace on the



and officials occupying Chad's northern Aozou strip April 15 and complete the operation by May 30. Under an agreement reached Monday, after the settlement of a long dispute over the uranium-rich territory, the troop withdrawal and mine-lifting operations are to be supervised by a team of 25 Libyan and 25 Chadian officers. The agreement provides for joint patrols on the border of the territory, which was occupied by Libya in 1972 and which the International Court of Justice in The Hagne ruled two

months ago belonged to Chad.



# Citing a Lead Hazard

WASHINGTON — The Consumer Product Safety Commission on Tuesday recalled 11 brands of crayons imported from China because they contain lead.

"Throw these crayons in the trash or take them back to the store for a refund," said Ann Brown, chairman of the commission. The commission said three of the brands "contain enough lead to present a lead-poisoning hazard to young children who might eat or chew on the crayons."

They are "121 Jumbo Crayons," distributed by Concord Enterprises; "Safe 48 Non-Toxic I'm a Toys 'R' Us Kid! Crayons," distributed by Toys 'R' Us, and "12 Crayons, Glory" and "18 Crayons That Paint," distributed by Glory Stationery Manufactur-

[A spokeswoman the Toys 'R' Us headquarters in Paramus, New Jersey, told the International Herald Tribune that its stores outside the United States did not sell the tainted crayons and that few were sold inside the United States. The company has not purchased the crayons since 1990, she said.]

The Glory crayons also include the legend "Conforms ASTM D-4236" the commission said, which is supposed to be an indication that the formula has been reviewed by a toxicologist.

The other eight brands, the panel said, "do not contain enough lead to increase the blood level above the threshold level for lead poisoning" for a child typically chewing on small pieces of leadcontaining crayons over a span of time.

But the agency added that it was "very concerned about these crayons because they add to the overall 'lead load' to children who may cat them." Lead has long been recognized as a hazardous substance, especially to young children and infants. It can cause irreversible brain damage and can impair mental functioning.

# 60 Gravestones Are Damaged

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia gravestones at a Jewish cemetery in western Slovakia during the weekend, Slovak Jewish leaders said on

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mer." a Jewish community leader. Frantisek Alexander, told Renters. Mr. Alexander, who visited the wrecked cemetery at Vrbove, said the damage occurred at the end of last week, coinciding with the Jew-

Austria President to Mideast

VIENNA — Austria's president, Thomas Klestil, will be on state

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# In Slovakia Jewish Cemetery

Vandals damaged more than 60

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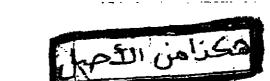
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# Aides Raise Clinton Welfare Plan's Cost

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Brown in WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's plan to overhaul the acknowledges that its cost may welfare system could cost much force Mr. Clinton to adopt a more more in the long run than previously disclosed, possibly adding \$58 pillion to welfare costs over 10 years, according to a memorandum presented to Mr. Clinton.

The document also says the president should understand that "in rare circumstances" his plan to enforce a two-year limit on welfare benefits could leave families "homeless or unable to care for their children."

The memorandum, drafted by the administration's working group on welfare, provides the most detailed information yet about the decisions Mr. Clinton faces in trying to fulfill one of his most popular campaign pledges.

Mexican

Inquiry

Still Seeks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

nation of the presidential candi-date Luis Donaldo Colosio last

month was a conspiracy, but au-

thorities said Tuesday that investi-

gators were still trying to determine

who had ordered the killing and

Miguel Montes Garcia, the gov-

ernment's special investigator, said

Monday that five suspects, includ-

ing the alleged killer, were in custo-

dy and that two others were being

sought in the murder of the govern-

ing Institutional Revolutionary

Party's candidate in the election

But in his second statement since

he was put in charge of the inquiry,

Mr. Montes was still unable to pro-

vide a motive for the killing on

March 23 or to say who might have

whether there was any link among

the seven suspects, all of whom — apart from the alleged killer, Mario

Aburto Martinez, 23 — hindered the movements of Mr. Colosio as

he was leaving a campaign rally in

He said the suspects had been

identified from photographs and a

videotape. Azhony the questions still unan-

swered, perhaps the most intrigu-ing is why two .38-caliber bullets

fired at Mr. Colosio had opposite

trajectories; right to left for the one fired into his temple, and left to right for the bullet that pierced his

Mr. Montes also said nothing

about the security arrangements

for Mr. Colosio's rally, or on why

its venue had been changed at the

last minute, depriving him of an

emergency escape route.

Mr. Montes did not even say

scheduled for August,

been behind it.

MEXICO CITY - The assassi-

A Motive

The memorandum outlines what peatedly rejected the program cuts year limit on welfare benefits ides are calling a "Cadillac veror tax increases suggested by midsounds like it would save money, it aides are calling a "Cadillac version" of a welfare proposal, but it level officials, modest plan.

The president deferred that decision at a cabinet meeting two weeks ago. An administration official, who asked not to be identified, predicted on Monday that the president would adopt a version that would add \$35 billion in welfare costs over 10 years.

Mr. Clinton has promised to deliver a bill this spring that would expand training programs for people on welfare and require those still unemployed after two years to join a work program. Financing the new program has

become the most problematic aspect of the proposal in recent months. Cabinet officials have re-

By Don Phillips

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Captain Paul Boyer of

American Airlines was reviewing paperwork last fall before the departure of Flight 1363 from Jack-

son, Mississippi, to Dallas when he discovered forms indicating that 11 armed law officers were

aboard, several of them with more than one weap-

are allowed to carry weapons aboard airliners if

they are declared to the airline, and Captain Boyer

had seen numerous copies of airline "Form E-2"

But 11 seemed an unusually large number, and he decided that their business, returning to Los Angeles and Oregon from pistol-shooting competi-tion, was not official. He demanded the guns be

Some of the officers, he said, were dressed in

shorts and tank tops and could not have been

following requirements that the weapons be con-

The ensuing dispute, which ended when his airline ordered him to depart with the gun-toting officers still aboard, was evidence of a long-run-

ning behind-the-scenes battle among airlines, pilot

unions and the law enforcement community over

gun policy. That battle has provoked the Federal Aviation Administration's decision to rewrite and

More than 20 aviation and law enforcement

groups are involved, including the Air Line Pilots

Association and the FBI, as part of the Federal Aviation Administration's Flight Security Com-

FBI agents and aviation agency air marshals, who have jurisdiction over airline hijackings and terrorist activity, have had special training in the use of guns aboard aircraft. Pilots and airlines do

But any law officer, from a police chief to a rookie deputy, may carry a gun aboard a commer-cial flight if the officer's supervisor signs a letter

asserting that the officer is on official business and

officers carry their gun aboard on any trip, often to

"There's a lack of understanding in law enforcement as to what their responsibility is," said Chris-

be certain it isn't stolen from checked luggage.

clarify government guns-in-the-air policy.

not dispute that they should be armed.

checked, and refused to take off.

cealed on their bodies.

Law enforcement officers on official business

Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the main federal welfare program, now costs about \$22 billion a year. By 1999, the full Clinton plan would increase that figure by about \$7 billion a year, according to the document.

The memorandum suggests that long-term costs would be even greater than previously known. Earlier estimates had suggested that the proposed changes would cost about \$15 billion for the first five years. The memorandum says that in the second five years, costs would more than double, reaching \$58 billion over 10 years. The costs rise because the program is being slowly phased in.

While the plan to impose a two-

Uproar Over Guns in Cabin

Airline Crews Await a Decision on Law Officers' Rights

U.S. Report Ties Nigeria would actually be much more expensive, at least in the short run, than simply mailing a welfare check. Than is because the administration will create training, educa-Drug Trade tion and child-care programs, and subsidize the wages of the recipi-

ents it puts to work. By Elaine Sciolino The document outlines possible cuts or taxes that would raise tens

of billions of dollars over the next

decade, but it calls all of the op-

problems and raises some substan-

tive concerns," the memorandum said. The document was provided

by a source who believes that the

could be better spent on other pro-

grams for low-income Americans.

"Each faces serious political

tions undesirable.

"Does this person need to have this gun, or is he

Lynne Osmus, director of Civil Aviation Securi-

just avoiding the pilferage issue? Does Sergeant Friday just have a deep affection for his gun?"

ty Operations for the Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, acknowledged that regulations were open

However, she said the agency and its Flight

Security Committee were on the way to a consen-

sus on firmer rules on who could carry guns aboard, and on standardized training. Training is the big concern for pilots. A gun

fired into the wrong part of an aircraft fuselage at

35,000 feet can cause it to blow apart. Pilots also

have expressed concern that a law officer not

trained in control of hijackers might interrupt

special procedures being carried out by the crew,

making any hijacking worse.

"The majority of the people have no training in aviation," Captain Boyer said.

After pressing his case in letters to the agency, he

was informed by Cathal L. Flynn, assistant admin-istrator for civil aviation security, that American

Airlines followed the correct procedure in allowing

the officers on board, but "it is not clear that the

officers really needed to carry weapons on the

flights."
The letter said that "we agree it is time to fix all

the problems you identify concerning the carriage of weapons aboard aircraft," and promised that a

proposed rule would be for public comment by

Captain Boyer said he was still concerned that

agency rules would not address the question of

tighter security, particularly verifying that an offi-

cer is not only who he or she says, but that the law

enforcement agency signed the authorization let-ter. He said he fears that terrorists could use the

Pilot union representatives are not as blunt as

Captain Boyer, but their concerns over the training

issue have persuaded the Federal Aviation Admin-

istration to move ahead with new training stan-

dards before other gun regulations are adopted. A

task force of law enforcement, airline and union representatives have devised a training program

The program outlines the reasons, such as pris-

that the agency said it expected to adopt soon.

system to slip guns aboard.

to misinterpretation.

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The State Department has charged that Nigerians, with the help of their govern-ment, have created global drug trafficking networks in Europe and Asia that officials estimate provide 35 to 40 percent of the heroin that enters the United States.

In its annual global survey of money for the welfare changes drug cultivation and trafficking the State Department also detailed an explosion of Russian criminal groups involved in smuggling and distributing heroin from Central Asia, Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan, as heroin production contin-

ues to increase.

The report was mandated by Congress in 1986 as a way to withhold aid and block international loans from countries found to be not "fully cooperating" with Wash-

ington's anti-drug efforts. But it has become an annual admission of the worldwide inability to devise a strategy for curbing the production and export of cocaine, heroin and marijuana.

No ally of the United States has ever been economically penalized for lack of cooperation. In a memorandum with the report, President Bill Clinton announced penalties against nations with which the United States has no relations or only severely strained relations: Burma, Iran, Nigeria and Syria.

Nigeria, whose citizens have been arrested in almost every country where heroin has been seized from Poland to Saudi Arabia was placed on the list for the first time this year. Last year, the Nigerian authorities ignored repeated appeals by the administration to crack down on traffickers and failed to apprehend and extradite several major traffickers under indictment in the United States.

"Nigeria has become a major source of trafficking around the world, as Nigerian trafficking organizations have become one of the most extraordinary, organized phenomena of carrying heroin and co-caine both into the United States and Europe," said Robert S. Gel-bard, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics matters. We calculate that some 35 to 40 percent of all heroin coming into the United States comes from Nigerians who bring it into this coun-

He said Nigerians involved in the drug networks were "not randoing this on a free-lancing basis."
"These are people working for very organized groups, which we have felt is with the protection of

government officials," he added. In his memorandum, Mr. Clinton singled out Afghanistan, Bolivia, Laos, Lebanon, Panama and Peru, as other countries that did

not cooperate sufficiently with U.S.

anti-drug efforts, but waived economic sanctions because of unspec-ified "vital national interests." The report also noted that in Southeast Asia, heroin cultivation increased 7 percent last year, while production rose 10 percent. Global

production of heroin increased 5.5 percent last year, opening new mar-keting opportunities for interna-Cocaine production, by contrast, declined slightly last year, but not

because coca-producing countries had curbed production. Rather, estimated 40,000 disappeared, and Peru, which produces about 56 percent of the world's supply of coca, lost 16 percent of its crop in 1993 to Heightening the sense of insta-bility, the head of the Constitution-once a peculiarly American phenomenon, has become "a worldwide scourge," the report said.

Although the report, known as the International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, was issued on Monday to Congress and the press, it is not available to the public.

## Who Helped Stop Coup

MANILA - President Fidel V. Ramos has appointed an army general who helped defeat an attempt-

Lieutenant General Arturo En-

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#### Tales of the '92 Campaign

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WASHINGTON — The people running President George Bush's 1992 campaign found their biggest problem was not Bill Chinton but a White House they said was tone deaf to politics. The people involved with Ross Perot's independent bid never had a clue about what he might do next. Given that opposition, the people managing the

Clinton campaign had relatively smooth sailing but still were lucky to win.

That, at least, is the picture drawn by key operatives for the presidential contenders, who met at the Institute of Politics, part of Harvard's John F. Kennedy school of government, a month after the election. The discussion was off-the-record, but an edited transcript, "Campaign for President: The Managers Look at '92," has been issued by Hollis Publishing Co. in Hollis. New Hampshire.

The managers spoke with rare candor about their frustrations. For example, Mary Matalin, the Bush campaign political director, said his chief of staff, John H. Sunanu, had "the political sensitivity of a doorknob." She added, "There was this wall, and we didn't even know what kind of information was getting to George Bush."

David Carney, the campaign's national field director, said the situation "became even worse" when Samuel K. Skinner replaced Mr. Sununu at the end of 1991. "Skinner tried to fix the problem without changing anybody," he said.

Rich Bond, then chairman of the Republican National Committee, said Mr. Skinner had wanted to clean house but was told by Secretary of Commerce Robert A. Mosbacher, a close friend of Mr. Bush's, that he couldn't do it.

Whatever the communications problems on the Bush side, the Perot people had even more hairraising stories to tell about their candidate's ways.

"I deny that we ever had a strategy," said Tom Luce, chairman of the Perot Petition Committee. Referring to Dan Butler, an aide to former California Governor Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., who said he learned Mr. Brown's plans by driving him to some events, Mr. Luce remarked, "I never was allowed to drive with Perot, so I never knew what the strategy was."

The Clinton team admitted only a few errors and miscues. Stan Greenberg, campaign poll-taker, said early surveys in New Hampshire showed that Mr. Clinton's original slogan "The New Covenant," a vague reference to citizen responsibility. was not something New Hampshire voters spent

a lot of time thinking about."

They had a well-rehearsed response when Gennifer Flowers made public her allegations of a long affair with Mr. Clinton, but were less prepared. several said, to deal with the revelations about the candidate's efforts to avoid military service in

#### On the Road to Seil Health Plan

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina - President Clinton, suggesting that Americans are weary of Whitewater and confused about his health care plan, is opening a new offensive on behalf of that

proposal and other domestic programs.

Mr. Clinton, fresh from a weeklong West Coast vacation and a day of watching baseball and basketball, said he wanted to "re-emphasize the basic

Mr. Clinton was touring Montgomery Memorial
Hospital in Troy, North Carolina, on Tuesday. He
planned an evening town hall meeting at a Chariotte television station. Hillary Rodham Clinton, head of the task force that prepared the administration's health care plan, scheduled appearances in Rochester and Syracuse, New York.

"We're going to go back to the town hall meeting, like we did last year, and once again re-emphasize the basic building blocks of this plan," Mr. Clinton said earlier in Cleveland. "We believe that, by doing that, we can build support among the people to encourage Congress to act this year to adopt a responsible plan." (AP)

#### Quote/Unquote

President Clinton after his favorite team, the Arkansas Razorbacks, won the national college championship basketball game against Duke: "It was an unbelievable game. It was the way a national championship ought to be, close to the very



COMRADES IN ARMS — Oliver L. North speaking to a police group in Virginia that endorsed the former Marine officer's bid for the Republican nomination for Senate from the state.

### oner escort, for carrying a gun, details the dangers of firing a gun in flight and makes officers aware of the flight crew's training in how to handle passengers who create a disturbance. topher Chiames, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines. A Wave of Panic in Guatemala

Child Kidnapping Rumors Spark Anti-Foreigner Attacks

emergency escape route.

The new evidence contradicted the theory put forth by some government officials earlier that Mr. Aburto had been a deranged gunman acting alone. These people spent time in the

police, and it would seem that they were professionals," an official familiar with the investigation said of two of the new suspects. As to who might have hired them, however, he said, "That is still not at all clear." Just over a week after the assassi-

nation, the PRI -- which has never lost a national election since comthan 60 years ago - chose Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, 42, as its est of which left a 52-year-old Alas-

New York Times Service GUATEMALA CITY - Fed by rumors that Americans were coming to kidnap children, cut out their vital organs, and ship them to the United States for transplantation, an extraordinary wave of panic has

swept Guatemala during the last Tourists and other foreigners ing to power in Mexico in more have been attacked by mobs in at than 60 years ago — chose Ernesto least three recent incidents, the lat-

State Department has warned

The situation has become so serious that the U.S. Embassy is recalling about 200 Peace Corps voluning about 200 Peace Corps volunteers from the countryside to the capital for their protection, and the

Americans not to travel to the country unless they have to. Diplomats and human rights ad-

vocates fear that the rumors are part of a campaign to destabilize the administration of President Ramiro de León Carpio by weakening the influence of the U.S. govern-

The idea that there may be a political motive for spreading rumors of Americans eviscerating children reflects the deep insecurity felt in the country after years of a civil war in which more than 100,000 people have been killed, an the hold on power by civilian leaders is precarious.

al Court was shot and killed in front of his home late Friday.

The police have not publicly given any motive for the killing of the justice, Epaminondas González. But his intervention to block the attempted seizure of authoritarian power by Mr. de Leon's predeces-sor, Jorge Serrano Ellas, was widely seen as critical in preserving civilian rule last year.

Mr. de León met with advisers on Monday to consider suspending some constitutional guarantees. No decision was reached.

Diplomats say that the rumors about the theft of children had been growing for months before the first violent incident took place on March 8. In that episode, an American tourist from New Mexico was arrested after residents of Santa Lucia Cotzumalguapa, a vil-lage in southern Guatemain, ac-

cused her of trying to steal a child.
The tourist, Melissa Larson, was spirited from the village by the au-thorities. When residents came to the jail and found that she was not there, they ransacked it. Ms. Larson was imprisoned for nearly two weeks in a nearby town before being released for lack of evidence.

Ten days ago, a Swiss volcanologist was injured when villagers in another area attacked a group of scientists whom they accused of stealing children. The Alaskan woman, June D.

Weinstock, was attacked by a mob in the northern village of San Cristóbal Verapáz after a local woman said her 8-year-old son was missing. She was stabbed eight times and suffered two broken arms and a fractured skull. She remains in a Guatemala City hospital where her room is being guarded by Marines from the U.S. Embassy. Doctors say she may have suffered permanent brain damage. The missing

boy was later found.

## Manila Elevates General

ed coup in 1989 as chief of the Philippines' armed forces.

rile, currently the army commander, will become chief of staff of the 106,000-member military April 12 when General Lisandro Abadia retires, an announcement from the presidential palace said. General Enrile played a major role in ending a 10-day revolt against President Corazon Aquino in December 1989 by persuading soldiers who had seized control of the Makati financial district of Manila to return to their barracks.



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**Away From Politics** 

NASA postponed Thursday's launch of the space

shuttle Endeavour to check the main engines for a

defect that could cause a catastrophic explosion.

• A Federal Aviation Administration inspector sold

pilots' licenses to students whom he had neither

tested nor, in most cases, met, according to a federal indictment. Edward Anderson McCorvey, 59, of Atlanta, was charged with conspiracy to sell

and use fraudulent pilot licenses and with eight

counts involving the actual sale and use of fraudu-

• One of four white police officers accused of beating Rodney L. King said Monday he was mistaken when he previously said a colleague

struck the black motorist repeatedly on the head

with his baton. Ted Briseno, testifying at a civil trial in which Mr. King is seeking \$9.5 million in damages from the city of Los Angeles, said an enhanced videotape of the March 3, 1991, beating had made him see his error. Mr. Briseno had estified in a criminal trial and again during the

testified in a criminal trial, and again during a

The lift-off is now scheduled for Friday.



police disciplinary hearing, that another officer, Laurence Powell, had hit Mr. King over the head.

A Los Angeles judge refused to dismiss a murder charge against the rap performer Snoop Doggy

Dogg and two other men accused in the shooting

death of a man in the city last summer. The judge

upheld a grand jury's conclusion that there was probable cause that the defendants committed the

California's aggressive anti-smoking campaign, which uses humorous television and billboard ads.

is credited with contributing to a \$1.6 billion

decline in cigarette sales in the state in five years.

Consumption has declined by 1.1 billion packs, or 27 percent, three times faster than elsewhere in the

 A 16-year-old honors student was shot in the back and killed after he got caught in a staring match on the New York subway. The police arrested an 18-year-old for the shooting of Rashad King and were

looking for the suspect's 24-year-old brother.

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## **AMERICAN TOPICS**

Big Business Uses a Name Game Trying to Carve Out Small Niches Marketers spend large amounts of time and

money to establish their brand names or corporate identities. But sometimes, The New York Times notes, they take equally elaborate measures to clock the origin of their products - usually for reasons of image or snob appeal. Campbell, renowned for its homey canned soup,

also markets the somewhat more exotic Godiva chocolates — but under the name of a subsidiary company. Bartles & Jaymes wine coolers were ostensibly sold by a couple of small-town bottlers from their front porch. But Mr. Bartles and Mr. Jaymes were fictitious. The brand is produced by the E. & J. Gallo Winery, the largest vintner in the Other instances include Zima clear mait bever-United States.

age, labeled by a small-time brewer of that name. But Zima is in fact the Memphis. Tennessee, plant of the giant Coors Brewing Co. Icehouse icebrewed beer is marketed by the friendly sounding Plank Road Brewery. It is owned by Miller, another huge brewer. Plank Road was Miller's original name from 1855 to 1873.

In like manner, Toyota entered the luxury-car market as Lexus, rather than under its established lower-priced nameplate.

About People

Peggy Noonan, who wrote speeches for Ronald Reagan and George Bush, and is now writing on her own, says, 'I'm furiously re-reading 'Middle-march,' " the George Eliot novel which is being reissued by her publisher, Random House, in the Modern Library series. She adds, "Have you noticed that everyone rereads these days? No one ever says I'm reading Trollope. They're always rereadMort Sahl, the 1950s stand-up political satirist who is performing again in his trademark V-neck sweater, slacks and button-down shirt, says he has no nostalgia for the Eisenhower years despite recent books pushing a revisionist view of the era as exciting. "The '50s were rigid, uptight and sanitized for your protection," he says. "All I remember was that everything good you had to sneak in in a plain brown wranger." a plain brown wrapper.

Short Takes

Federal Judge H. Russel Holland has dismissed claims by Alaska natives who say the 1989 oil spill harmed their traditional lifestyles. Judge Holland said, "Even catastrophic cultural impacts cannot change what is in the mind or in the heart unless we lose the will to pursue a given way of life. If - and we think this is not the case — the native culture was in such distress that the Exxon Valdez oil spill sapped the will of the native peoples to carry on their way of life, then a native subsistence lifestyle was aiready lost before March 24, 1989."

Half-tame coyotes at the Death Valley National Monument in California gather in the middle of the road to encourage drivers to stop and give them food, the Los Angeles Times reports. They also cadge from hikers, and occasionally bite those who do not come across with a sandwich quickly enough. The problem, according to park rangers, is the result of tourists feeding coyotes to get close-up photographs. It is a \$50 misdemeanor to feed wild animals in a national park. The coyotes also know when to make themselves scarce. Ken Wagenknecht, a volunteer park worker, said, "When they see a ranger in his uniform they run away."

Boxing Notes: The promoter Don King observes, "I never cease to amaze myself. I say this humbly." • The 1950s middleweight boxer Art Aragon recalls a fight where he had to lose too much poundage to make the required weight: "That night I became the first fighter in history to be carried into the ring."

Arthur Highee

By John Ward Anderson and Molly Moore

Washington Post Service SAMCHI, Bhutan — Remeshoor Ghaley and more than 40 relatives and neighbors fled their nearby village last month after police officers demolished their homes and threatened to kill them,

Mr. Ghaley said the villagers had isolated Buddhist kingdom—their people it does not consider true bomeland for generations—be-Bhutanese.

Refugees accuse the government of Bhutan, a kingdom of about nothing to do with the bridge-raz-ing. Instead, he said, the villagers ling up to 15 percent of its popula-had been forcibly evicted from this

its national culture, noting that all citizens are required to wear native dress and buildings must conform to traditional architecture.

"They told us to leave the country," said Mr. Ghaley, who was stopped at a border checkpoint en

Mr. Ghaley said the refugees who had been thrown out by security forces.

ing citizens from the kingdom. But the officials assert that their

country and culture are being swamped by so many illegal Nepase immigrants in the south that they might soon outnumber the indigenous, ruling-elite Drukpas, Ti-betan Buddhists who mhabit the mountainous north.

Unlike more high-profile conflicts, the problems in isolated Bhutan have remained nearly invisible to the rest of the world.

Closed to outsiders for centuries, Bhutan has diplomatic relations with only 18 countries. The kingdom limits the number of tourists. journalists and other foreigners adcitizens abroad.

Inside the country, the govern-ment requires all citizens to wear robe-like clothing, bans television satellite antennas and discourages marriage of its people with nonhas coincided with the kingdom's leap, in a single generation, from medieval society to 20th-century

"We did not have military might or economic strength," said King Jigme Singye Wangchuk, 38. "Our only safeguard was to follow a policy of isolation. Obviously, we paid a very heavy price. When every-

development program."

were legitimate citizens of Bhutan roads, no electricity, no hospitals, no schools and no postal system. ty forces. While the country remained what the World Wildlife Fund has lation, rape and torture. Officials beled "one of the ecological wondeny committing atrocities or forceders of the world," with 5,000 species of plants, 160 species of mammals and more than 770 types of birds, the people of Bhutan suffered some of the highest poverty, infant mortality and illiteracy rates in the world. Then in the early 1960s, King Wangchuk's father, at the time the reigning monarch, recognized the need to enter the modem age. "We started from scratch,"

Concerned about China's domination of Tibet in the north, Bhutan turned to India, which surrounds it on three sides, and abdicated its foreign policy deci-sions in return for New Delhi's financing most of the country's budmitted and restricts the travel of its get. India built the first paved roads and paid to send prom Bhutanese youngsters to school in the Indian hill states so they could bring administrative skills back

Bhutan nuctured relations with Bhutanese. The effort to protect small, nonthreatening European the nation's culture and traditions nations. Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland financed programs to build schools and medical clinics, improve agricultural production and train civil servants. The country depends on foreign aid for 65 percent of its annual budget but is aiming for self-sufficiency.

Today, with 90 percent of its people engaged in subsistence farming and a literacy rate of about body else was busy starting schools 38 percent, the country is strug- ized and forced out.

charging they had helped anti-gov-crament terrorists destroy a local Hindu heritage.

The refugees charge that the route to southeastern Nepal, where and building roads, we were totally gling to increase its standard of monarchy is intent on preserving and completely isolated and had no living and evolve into a more modern society without destroying its Until 1962, Bhutan had no environment, culture and religion.

"We're trying to modernize our country, not Westernize it," said Foreign Minister Dawa Tshering. "We have not allowed satellite TV. We feel it will erode our country in value system would change."

Many of Bhutan's brightest young people, sent abroad for education, return with ideas that clash with the country's efforts to protect

Higher education levels and blossoming private businesses are luring young people off the farms and into rapidly growing towns, raising fears that there will not be enough labor to tend the fields, and that outside-world problems of urbanization will begin to blight Bhutan. Already, officials say, crime rates and drug use are rising. Posters nailed to bridges and trees along sidewalks warn residents of the perils of AIDS.

"There's too much wishful thinking behind the intent to preserve their cultural identity," said a Western aid official who has watched the country's rapid change. "Twenty years ago they could have said, We'll stay isolated.' Now it's too late. There are too many educated young people."

Bhutan's isolation has also contributed to confusion over who is to be believed in the dispute about the treatment of the country's ethnic epalese. There are few independent experts, and travel restrictions impede verification of claims that ethnic Nepalese have been brutal-

#### U.S. Bishop **Backs Flogging** In Singapore

The Associated Press SINGAPORE - An 18year-old American deserves to be caned for vandalizing cars and is typical of many teenagers in the United States, according to a U.S. clergyman. In a letter published by The Straits Times on Tuesday, the Reverend Montgomery Griffith-Mair said Michael P. Fay is a perfect example of many of today's American teenagers who are running amok without

fear of punishment."
Mr. Fay pleaded guilty to vandalism, mischief and possession of stolen property. He was accused of spraying paint and tossing eggs on cars last year. His appeal against the sentence of six strokes of a bamboo cane, four months in iail, and a fine was dismissed last week.

Bishop Griffith-Mair, presiding bishop of the National Anglican Church and co-bishop of the Anglican Rite Synod, said Mr. Fay "is a product of an American society that deems itself so 'enlightened' and 'humane' that it refuses to correct and discipline its lawbreaking and anti-social teenagers with the rod."

Drive a lesson into Fay and thousands of other flippant teenagers like him? Most certainly. And the quicker the better," the bishop wrote. His church is a small Anglican jurisdiction with headquarters in Wentworth, New Hampshire.

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## This Caning in Singapore Won't Make America Safer

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON — Singapore is a W weird place, or, as some wag put it, a "fine" place. You can get fined for almost anything — littering, chewing gum, not flushing a public toilet, having long hair. Still, the United States may be an even weirder place. From the evi-dence, it seems that most Americans think Singapore's threatened flogging of an 18-year-old Ohio native for vandalism is just terrific.

On Monday morning I awoke to James Fallows, a commentator on the suppos-edly liberal National Public Radio, giving his reluctant approval to the sentence of six lashes to the buttocks. A call-in survey by the National Polling Network (23,000

Instead of Americans protesting the flogging of one of their own, they have let fear of crime prompt them to embrace this barbaric punishment.

callers) found that 53 percent thought some good whipping would do wonders in America — but not, you can be sure, to anyone they know.

The Singapore Embassy in Washington says it has received little but approval from Americans, and in Dayton, Ohio, hometown to the unlucky youth, the Dayton Daily News reports "a significant number of calls expressing sup-port," said Max Jennings, the editor.

Almost predictably, the Clinton administration seems to have moderated its indignation. Once the president himself called the sentence "excessive" and hinted at dire consequences, but the administration now prefers to say nothing much. "We'll see how it plays ont," was the latest ultimatum from a White House spokesman.

This controversy is not about Singapore at all but about America. The scrutable Singaporeans clearly took the pulse of American public opinion when the government said it did not want its city-state to become another New York. We do not have a situation where acts of vandalism are commonplace, as in cities like New York where even police cars are not spared the acts of vandals," the Home Affairs Ministry said.

It was talking to countless millions of Americans who have actually seen New York or think they have in movies and television shows. A person could conclude that half the population there is up at night spray-painting the place.
Would truly harsh penalties turn New

York into a Disney World with skyscrapers? Indeed, would these sorts of punishments reduce crime in the United States? Those, essentially, are the questions that Americans are asking themselves - and many of them, it seems, are answering in the affirmative.

That is understandable. Certain felonies may as well be called misdemeanors because they are so rarely punished. Auto theft is one; so, too often, is any 'serious" crime if it is a first offense. As for misdemeanors such as defacing property, the last person caught for that, never mind punished, undoubtedly wrote his name and Social Security number on a police station wall.

The law is clearly up against it. Without punishment there can be no deterrence. If a teenager has no money, he cannot be fined. If the jails are full of hardened criminals, he cannot be imprisoned. If he has no real prospects, he will not care if he has a record. If he thinks he has nothing to gain, then he thinks he has nothing to lose. He cannot be hurt — unless, of course, he can be physically hurt, as is done in Singapore. Are they on to something?

Not really. In the first place, there is no likening an Asian society on the tip of the Malay peninsula to the United States. America's societal problems, its racial difficulties, its cultural differences have to be taken into account. Singapore is not a boot camp for civilians merely because it has tough rules, but also because it is a different society. In plenty of places in the world you can walk in poor neighborhoods with a bulging wallet and not be mugged, and harsh laws

have nothing to do with it. Second, the punishment facing the 18year-old American, Michael Fay, amounts to torture. The six strokes to the buttocks are inflicted with a halfinch rattan cane and administered by a martial arts expert. The pain is so great that many prisoners go into shock before the whipping is completed, and al-ways physical scars remain.

Can anyone not think that one lash is more than enough, that the \$2,300 fine would have sufficed or that, when you think about it, justice would have been served if Mr. Fay were merely given the boot — sent back to Dayton and forced to live among the yahoos who favored the brutal punishment? Singapore, contemp-tuous of supposed American softness, has chosen the most obnoxious course.

But instead of Americans protesting the flogging of one of their own, they have let fear of crime prompt them to embrace barbarism — as if the caning of Michael Fay would make things safer in American cities.

The young man should be punished; his vandalism streak was no spur of the moment impulse but was conducted over the course of 10 days. But what Americans' own constitution would prohibit as "cruel and unusual punishment" is hardly something they should endorse. Flogging may not be "unusual" in Singapore, but "cruel" it most certainly is.

The Washington Post.

## The Euphemism Treadmill: Nowhere Fast

C AMBRIDGE, Massachuseus — The new Los Angeles Times manual "Guidelines on Racial and Ethnic Identification," for the newspaper's writers and editors, bans or restricts some 150 words and phrases such as "birth defect,"
"Chinese fire drill," "crazy," "dark continent,"
"stepchild," "WASP" and "to welsh."

Defying such politically correct sensibilities, The Economist allows the use of variants of "he" for both sexes (as in "everyone should watch his language"), and of "crippled" for disabled people.
One side says that language insidiously shapes attitudes and that vigilance against subtle offense is necessary to eliminate prejudice. The other bristles at legislating language, seeing

a corrosion of clarity and expressiveness at best, and thought control at worst, changing the way reporters render events and opinions.

Both arguments make assumptions about lan-guage and how it relates to thoughts and attitudes — a connection first made in 1946 by George Orwell in his essay "Politics and the English language," which suggested that euphemisms, cliches and vague writing could be used to reinforce orthodoxy and defend the indefensible.

We understand language and thought better than we did in Orwell's time, and our discoveries offer insights about the P.C. controversy.

First, words are not thoughts. Despite the appeal of the theory that language determines thought, no cognitive scientist believes it. People coin new words, grapple for le mot juste, translate from other languages and ridicule or defend P.C. terms. None of this would be possible if the ideas expressed by words were identical to the words themselves.

This should alleviate anxiety on both sides, reminding us that we are talking about style manuals, not brain programming.

Second, words are arbitrary. The word "duck"

By Steven Pinker

does not look or quack like a duck, but we know it means duck, for we have memorized an arbitrary association between a sound and a meaning.

Some words can be built out of smaller pieces and their meanings can be discerned by examining how the pieces are arranged (a dishwasher washes dishes), but even complex words turn opaque, and

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people become oblivious to the logic of their derivation, memorizing them as arbitrary symbols. (Who thinks of breakfast as breaking a fast?)

The Los Angeles Times manual seems to assume that readers are reflexive erymologists, for it bans "invalid" (literally "not valid" and thus offensive), "New World" (ignores the indigenous cultures that preceded Columbus's voyage) and "Dutch treat" offensive, presumably, to Netherlanders).

But I doubt if Americans associate the dozen-odd idioms in which Dutch means "ersatz" ("Dutch uncle," "Dutch oven") with the Dutch; presumably, the sting has worn off in the three centuries since the English coined such terms to tweak their naval rivals.

The bewildering feature of political correctness is the mandated replacement of formerly unexis the mandated replacement of formerly unex-ceptionable terms by new ones: "Negro" by "black" by "African-American," "Spanish-Amer-ican" by "Hispanic" by "Latino," "slum" by "ghetto" by "inner city" by, according to the Los Angeles Times, "slum" again. How should a thoughtful person react?

there is a clear need for guidelines. One wonders, though, why the Los Angeles Times's style panel apparently did not consult those it defends.

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Many deaf people insist on being called "deaf," not "individuals who cannot hear," and as one who was taught to revere the Wailing Wall, I was surprised to learn that the term is "highly offensive" rather than merely obsolete.

But if users of new ethnic terms have responsibilities, so do those who promulgate the terms. What are their motives? What are the effects? Occasionally, neologisms are defended with some semantic rationale: "Black" emphasized pari-ty with the corresponding "white." "Native Ameri-

can" is a reminder of who was in the Americas first and eschews the inaccurate label "Indian." But when new terms replace ones that had been justified in their own day with equal moral force and when offensive and sanctioned terms are near synonyms — "colored people" and "people of color," "Afro-American" and "African-American," Negro (Spanish for "black") and "black" —

something else must be driving the process. To a linguist, the phenomenon is familiar: the euphemism treadmill. People invent new "polite" words to refer to emotionally laden or distasteful things, but the euphemism becomes tainted by association and the new one that must be found

acquires its own negative connotations. Water closes" becomes "toilet" (originally a term for any body care, as in "toilet kit"), which becomes "bathroom," which becomes "rest room," which becomes "lavatory." "Garbage collection" turns into "sanitation,"

which turns into "environmental services." The euphemism treadmill shows that concepts, not words, are in charge. Give a concept a new name, and the name becomes colored by the Respect means treating people as they wish to name, and the name becomes colored by the be treated, beginning with names. That is why



by the name. We will know we have achieved equality and mutual respect when names for minorities stay put

People learn a word by witnessing other people using it, so when they use a word, they provide a history of their reading and listening. Using the latest term for a minority often shows not sensitivity but subscribing to the right magazines or going

the right cocktail parties.

Shifts in terms have an unfortunate side effect. Many people who don't have a drop of malice or prejudice but happen to be older or distant from university, media and government spheres find themselves tainted as bigots for innocently using passe terms such as "Oriental" or "crippled." Arbiters of the changing linguistic fashions must ask themselves whether this stigmatization is really what they set out to accomplish.

The writer, professor of brain and cognitive sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of "The Language Instinct," contributed

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Tangible Help for Bosnia

I am an American actor who has lived in London for almost 20 years. I am also a Jew. And as a Jew, I find the concept of "ethnic cleansing" to be anathema. I have been unable to bear the suffering of the people of Bosnia.

Last week I went to Bosnia. I volunteered through an organization called Convoy of Mercy (714 Seven Sisters Road, London N15 5NE) to drive into Bosnia to deliver food. I had never driven anything bigger than a Volkswagen bus, but now I can drive a nine-ton Bedford truck anywhere.

At first I gave money, but felt that was not enough. I volunteered to drive. On March 16 I left with three other drivers for Split, Croatia. It took us three days to get there. On the way we made an unscheduled stop at a Muslim refugee camp. I was tired, disoriented and annoyed. Then, out of the twilight, from under a thick canopy of pine trees. groups of people drifted toward us like specters, clustering silently around. One young woman held her hand over

her mouth in obvious pain. I asked for a look and she revealed missing or decaying teeth. I took out a bottle of medicine

for mouth sores and showed her how to drove back to Split. I had been in Bosnia nationalistic measure designed to root rub it into her gums. She smiled wanly as for two and a half days. It was hard work, the pain disappeared. like being an army recruit, but it was the like being an army recruit, but it was the best work I have ever done.

realized what I was doing took it out Convoy of Mercy needs mechanics, and gave it to her. Her toothless smile carpenters and teachers. The group is particularly interested in mechanics who made my fatigue evaporate. The next day we drove into Bosnia. can stay in Split for two or three months

There were eight of us driving six Bedford trucks carrying 30 tons of food, enough to feed 3,000 families for one I am like the rest of us who sit and week. We crossed the front lines six watch the television night after night times. I found out how different it is to and wish someone would do something. see the destruction of war first-hand. We I can now say that I have helped in a drove through ruined towns and villages. I saw people staring out of holes in would go back. Wouldn't you?

#### RON BERGLAS. London. We had been warned about "Bon-Bon A Plea for le Fair Play

#### Regarding "A U.S. Tempest in a French Demitasse" (Opinion, April 4) by

Jacques Toubon: The French ban on English (a ban

with teeth, since breaches of the law will, theoretically, lead to criminal proceedings) is not, as the French culture tion, which remains totally unenforced minister claims, intended simply to enthe other three. We spent two nights at able French employees to "understand British Army bases. On the third day, we their work contracts." It is a laughingly

out English words in everyday use and to propose French alternatives so clumsy and contrived that even the minister's subordinates, who wasted so much time devising them, know there is no likelihood they will be used. The English language has taken over a

number of French words for which there was no English equivalent and anglified their spelling - pork, beef and mutton are obvious examples — with no outcry from Anglophones. Perhaps the French could gallicize the spelling of some of the English words they have borrowed and declare them to be French. I am sure that millions of French

soccer fans will continue to shout "corner" even at the risk of heavy fines. But perhaps Monsieur Toubon's soif de grandeur would be satisfied if the word were to appear in future French dictionaries under a new indigenous spelling, like "cornaire."

Or is the new "anti-Franglais" legislation no more meant to be applied than the recent drastic anti-smoking legislain French restaurants and cafes? EDWARD BEHR.

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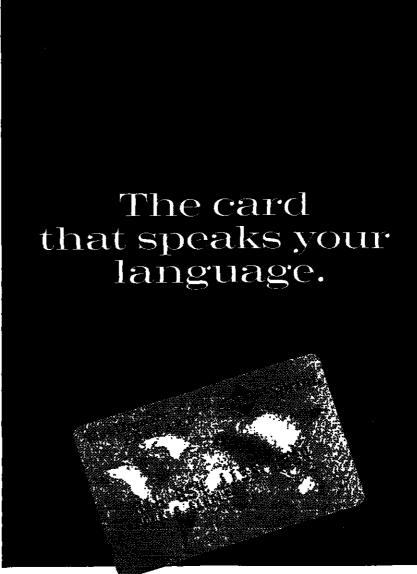
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By John Rockwell

ARIS — There it sits, a gleaming, marbled, fully functional architectural abstraction. It is surrounded by a nearly finished city park and staffed by 22 busy people. But for the moment, at least,

This is the current state of the new American Center in the Bercy district of eastern Paris. Frank Gehry's building, which cost a big chunk of the \$40 million the center obtained in 1987 when it sold its old quarters in central Paris, was pretty much completed months ago.

But the center's board had decided in the fall

of 1992 that it did not have enough money to proceed with long-range plans for this combined museum, performance space, educational facility and community center. The programming staff was messily fired and uneasy silence settled on what was to have been a major showcase of American culture in the French

Now, signs of life can be discerned moving warily through the conceptual wreckage.

The board of trustees has been reorganized with what seems like a more distinctly American cast. New leaders have emerged, both on the board and on a transition leadership committee. New money - tangible, if not yet overwhelming in quantity — is coming in. A skeletal programming staff has been assembled. And an opening date has at last been set: June 7.

In keeping with the modest profile the center is trying to assume, the day is being billed not as a flashy gala but as an amiable marathon lead-ing to the partial, gradual opening of the center and set just before the summer vacation, when nothing much cultural happens in Paris, any-

On the other hand, the new team hints that President Bill Clinton might stop by on his D-Day rounds, so hopes are not all that modest. The new power at the center is Frederick B. Henry, who joined the board a little more than two years ago. Henry, the president of the Bohlen Foundation, is a longtime New York arts figure, active at the Whitney Museum and

of the center's board with Judith Piszar, the former sole chairman. Henry said in a recent interview that Pisar

on other arts boards. He is already co-chairman

had already withdrawn from her functions as chairman, as had Henry Pillsbury from his longtime role as executive director. (Pillsbury is still much in evidence, however, puttering about the empty building he had so much to do with instigating.) In September, Henry said it was "the plan" to name Pillsbury board president (which ranks under the chairman in the pecking order) and for Pisar formally to relin-

quish her post. In the meantime, Henry set up a transitional "special committee," headed by himself and Rachel Newton Bellow, who is currently serv-ing as board president, to run the center be-tween mid-1993 and the end of 1994. Bellow has taken a leave as program officer for arts and culture at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

If the center's previous sin was pride — harling up a huge building and assuming money would materialize to support activities within it — Henry and Bellow suggested the problem now was to adjust 1980s expectations to 1990s realities.

The center's problems were an opportunity for it to redefine itself at this moment," Bellow argued. The original plan was to open in Sep-

tember 1993 with an ambitious exhibition of commissioned art called "Landscape as Meta-phor," which had a budget of \$1.5 million. Now, programming ideas call for more varied and modest events, with the average item bud-

geted at \$150,000 to \$250,000. Most of these events, which fill the calendar with a few gaps for the center's first 18 months of operation, were planned by volunteers drawn from American arts institutions. Some projects are overtly collaborative, in that the shows or performances will also be seen in the United States. Most are collaborative in the sense that the Americans, whom Henry and Bellow described as mostly young and venture-some, brought the friskiness and originality of the American arts scene with them.

ROGRAMS have been divided into four areas: visual arts, performances, film and video, and conferences. Among the many more or less fixed plans are "Pure Beauty: Some Recent Work From Los Angeles"; "Stations," a video instal-lation by Bill Viola; "Griot New York," a week of performances by the Garth Fagan Dance Company; a piano recital of John Cage's music

to the present; "Exchanges in the Dark: Film Noir in France and Hollywood"; and "War and Memory in France and the U.S.," a conference on World War II, Vietnam and the Gulf War. In addition, several French troupes are sched-

Henry said that when the old board first realized the extent of the center's financial crisis in mid-1992, the reaction was desperate. "Among some members of the board, there was a real sense of panic," he said. The new team wants to look both prudent and bold. It feels action is necessary to quicken interest among potential donors, but is unwilling to commit to programs or staff without money in

"Money itself is not the problem," Bellow argued. "What the American Center needed was a plan, and programs, in all areas. But we discipline ourselves. We won't commit to pro-

jects we haven't the resources for." For the center to be fully operational, the financial goals remain the same as in 1992: an annual operating budget of \$5 million to \$8 million with an endowment of \$25 million.

by Margaret Leng Tan; "Banned in the Henry said the center had \$6 million in hand U. S. A.," censored American films from 1916 and pledges for another \$4 million for its and pledges for another \$4 million for its endowment. Only \$2.3 million has come in so far for the first operating year, but he said that was tolerable since the center now was "not springing fully developed onto the Paris

Despite the role played by Olivier Brunet, a French banker who is the center's new vice president and treasurer, much of the fundraising knowhow is American. Given French reliance on government subsidy. Bellow said, "there is no way to find that level of not-for-profit expertise in France." Of the 27 major individual and corporate sponsors for the cen-

ter's opening year, 5 are French.
Still, in this time of increased cultural tension between France and the United States, both Henry and Bellow are determined that the center not be perceived simply as a display-window for American art. Many of the planned programs reflect French and American links or

reactions to common problems.

Henry had the simplest possible explanation for this dual emphasis. The center is American, but it's located in Paris," he said. "It's a

## 'Billboards' Rescues Joffrey Ballet

By William Harris

EW YORK —The dance world is in a funk. Financing is tight, bookings are scarce and, worse, few dance events are generating the kind of must-see enthusiasm that will broaden the audience base.

There are, of course, exceptions, notably Mikhail Baryshnikov's White Oak Project and the Joffrey Ballet's "Billboards," "Billboards," the four-part, full-length ballet set to a medley of 14 Prince songs, was conceived by the Joffrey's artistic director, Gerald Arpino, and choreographed by Laura Dean, Charles Moulton, Margo Sappington and Peter Pucci.

The reviews have been mixed and some balletomanes have bellowed, but "Billboards" has become a money-making phenomenon. Since its premiere in Iowa Ciry in January 1993, this rock ballet has already been seen by close to 200,000 in 16 cities across the United States - the equivalent of "Angels in

America" playing to capacity on Broadway for six and a half months. It consistently packs houses - drawing mostly younger audiences — and has generated \$2.5 million in income for the Joffrey. according to Cecil C. Conner, the company's

executive director. Thanks to the success of "Billboards." the Joffrey has attracted 12 new board members and additional financing sources. The troupe can also finally afford to present a repertory season in its home city of New York for the

first time since 1991. The cost is \$850,000, but Conner is confident of recouping the money. "We hope to sell at least \$1 million worth of tickets," he says. Beginning Wednesday, the company will begin a two-week stay at the New York State Theater at Lincoln Center. It will present two programs of mixed repertory and nine perfor-

mances of "Billboards." Although "Billboards" was seen in New York only five months ago as part of the Next Wave Festival at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Arpino and Conner are betting that its potential audience has hardly been tapped. "Men who have no previous experience of

dance," says Arpino, "have gone out and bought tickets to 'Billboards' and taken their girlfriends and families. I have converted so many people." Will they return to sample the other ballets being offered?

"Yes," he insists. "The rep programs have sold better when played with Billboards." The popularity of "Billboards" could not have come at a better time. Since 1989, the Joffrey has weathered a series of financial and morale crises. But is there a downside to this megahit? Has the 38-year-old Joffrey lost its credibility as a classical ballet company?

What comes next. "Billboards II"? The normally talkative Arpino won't cite specifics, saying only that a number of things are percolating; the postmodern choreographer Ralph Lemon, for one, has been asked to

"'Billboards' has allowed us not only to introduce but to seduce a new audience into

The four-part dance work set to a medley of 14 Prince songs is a cash cow for the struggling troupe.

recognizing the magnificence of the art of dance," says Arpino, 66, who co-founded the company with Robert Joffrey. "'Billboards' is the appetizer to the rest of the menu that is to come. The direction of the company is to continue to explore, to experiment and to introduce what is possible in dance — to be a

In other words, Arpino isn't quite sure what's next. For the moment, it doesn't matter. "Billboards" has given the Joffrey some breathing room.

New touring options have opened, the Jof-frey has a refurbished visibility and a steadier flow of cash. Following its New York season, the company hits the road once again, stopping in 11 cities. Last year, the Joffrey dancers worked 32 weeks; this year, they will work

Arpino will probably continue to do what the Joffrey has always done: To showcase young dancers in an eclectic mix of dance styles that juxtaposes the sexy, pop-culture aesthetic and the experimentation of downtown dance with the more formal sensibility of classical ballet.

Consider the repertory evenings to be seen at Lincoln Center. Included on the programs is the Joffrey's much-anticipated New York premiere of "Les Présages," a reconstruction of Leonide Massine's 1933 ballet set to Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony; "The Garden of Villandry," choreographed in 1979 by Mar-tha Clarke, Felix Blaska and Robby Barnett, and the world premiere of "A Tri-Fling," an eight-minute dance commissioned from Randy Duncan, a Chicago-based choreographer, set to a score for solo viola and percussion by

In addition, there will be revivals of three works by Arpino, "Italian Suite" (1983), "Light Rain" (1981) and "Valentine" (1971), as well as Jiri Kylian's "Return to a Strange Land" (1975) and Sir Frederick Ashton's "Les Patineurs" (1937).

The Joffrey was the first American troupe to dance work by Kylian, who is artistic director of the Netherlands Dance Theater. It was also the first ballet company to embrace the work of Twyla Tharp, who in 1973, created "Deuce Coupe" for the ensemble, a hip precursor to "Billboards" choreographed to Beach Boys songs.

"The Josseph has always been different from other ballet companies," says Arpino. "I was not brought up in the European style of ballet or with a highly intellectual appreciation of art. This is an American company. I'm involved with people finding dance for the first time. One must know tradition. which is why I do 20th-century classics. But I don't want to be caught up in and rehash

Like many dance troupes, the Joffrey has been hit by AIDS. Company dancers such as Glenn White, Gregory Huffman and Edward Stierle have died.

Arpino still keeps near his desk a photo of Stierle, 23, the dancer and choreographer he says he was grooming as a possible succes-

"I love the voices of the young," says Arpino. "Yet adversity is what the Joffrey

William Harris, a consulting editor of Dance Ink, wrote this for The New York Times.

#### **LONDON THEATER**



By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - "A Month in the Comtry" is the one that isn't by Chekhov. He even claimed not to like it very much, which seems a little ungrateful considering that within 40 years he had borrowed most of its plot and all of its characters for several other works, including "Uncle

But Turgenev wrote this one, in 1848, which means it is the first modern psychological drama despite the fact that it lay unperformed for almost 20 years and did not fully make its in 1909.

Since then it has been around a good deal, and we have it now at the Albery in a superbly cast and thoughtful Bill Bryden production that brings both Helen Mirren and John Hurt back to the West End after long absences but at the very height of their considerable form.

Mirren's Natalya Petroyna is a constant and starry center for the dozen equally enthralling characters who revolve in her orbit. Most are in midlife crisis or the pangs of unrequited love, and they are the creations of a writer who was first and foremost a novelist rather than a

So not a lot happens very slowly. Natalya decides, early in the evening, that he is bored of her country life with the faithful if dull husband (Gawn Grainger) and equally bored of her platonic lover (Hurt). Enter, conveniently, a young tutor (Joseph Fiennes, somewhat low in charisma for the role) and exit three hours later virtually all the men in her life, leaving Natalya to reflect ruefully but none too passionately on the problems of loving not deeply but too readily.

Long on languid romantic boredom, short on the brutal reality of its consequences, "A Month in the Country" allows us to come to terms with Russia in the mid-19th century or at least the summer-house lives of its ruling In an evening of great performances --- any

of which would do credit to a subsidized house with a permanent company and twice the rehearsal time — the best of all comes from John Standing as the cynical, self-hating doctor later to be recycled by Chekhov for "The Three Sisters." Standing has always been a remarkable and underrated character actor, born out of his stage time, but here his ludicrous, pathetic. opportunist, hopeful doctor, forever poised on the borderline of tragedy and comedy until he turns his own marriage proposal into a vaudeville routine, is far and away the best supporting performance in

Elsewhere we get Polly Adams as the unfortunate object of his affections, and Anna Livia Ryan as the young ward. Vera, whose life is almost casually ruined by Natalya's inability to sort out her romantic affairs.

What Bryden has realized is that this is a company play rather than the star vehicle through which Ingrid Bergman and Michael Redgrave used mournfully to trudge. It is also a bleak and black comedy about people who don't know what they want and don't like it when they get it, and it is the work of a writer who, working in almost constant parenthesis, is happy to go off and explore the life of a minor bystander at just the moment you ex-pect something climactic to happen to his central figures.

As Rakitin, John Hurt turns in a performance of wondrous lethargy and disinvolvement, so that periodically the effort even of speaking seems too much for him; when finally he senses it is time to leave an affair that has never quite managed to become even that, you worry where he'll find the energy to pack. They've all got this one dead right at last.

atre, Richard Eyre has made very few major repertoire mistakes but "Johnny on a Spot (Olivier Theatre) is certainly one of them. Originally seen on Broadway in 1942 for four nights, this is Charles MacArthur's farce about a Southern-state governor in romantic and financial difficulties, running for office on a man-ofthe-people ticket.

Although the hope might have been for Whitewater relevance, the truth is that "Johnny" did not close in New York originally because of its author-director's alcohol problems in rehearsal, nor because Pearl Harbor had just been bombed. It closed because the play itself is a bomb, a one-joke disaster that no amount of frantic stage business can kick

ACARTHUR without Ben Hecht (with whom he wrote "The Front Page" and other classics) was like Moss Hart without George S. Kaufman: only half a playwright, unable to drive his own machine in any meaningful dramatic direction.

The one running gag here is that the candidate has recently died in a brothel but has to be elected regardless. A group of eccentric, larger-than-life misfits is duly assembled in his office, as they were in the newsroom of "The Front Page," but MacArthur can never get their fireworks to ignite, and the result is about Page 14.

There is a wealth of '30s and '40s Broadway, from Odets and Behrman through Sherwood and Saroyan to Hellman and Wilder and Philip Barry, urgently awaiting rediscovery over here, which makes it all the more mysterious that Eyre should have turned his considerable trans-Atlantic interest and energy ("Guys and Dolls," "High Society," "Suddenly Last Summer") to this dire and derelict farce, which even a cast of 35 can never quite kick into life. Johnny just never finds his spot.

## **BOOKS**

Cullen Murphy

WHO WE ARE: A Portrait of America Based on the Latest U.S. Census

By Sam Roberts. Illustrated. 306 pages. \$18. Times Books/Random House. Reviewed by

I N "Who We Are," Sam Roberts has probably done as good a job as can be done in making the results of the 1990 census accessible to the general public. He has broken the census down into sensible thematic chunks. He has spiced the data with material of other kinds; the perspectives of social history, anecdotes from the news, interviews with scholars, government officials and ordinary people. He has provided graphs, charts and maps that are well designed and easy to comprehend. He has written his book in a

times buoyant and even jaunty. Unfortunately - and Roberts must be held exempt from blame --the term "eye-opening" does not

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of reading this book. The problem lies with the navel-gazing nature of our culture. During the past few decades. Americans have become so addicted to self-assessment - the continuous monitoring of society's every vital sign - that the results of the decennial census no longer pack much of a surprise: We have been getting flash estimates all along. Is there a newspaper reader unaware of the rise in the number of teenage mothers and single-parent households and poverty, the growing prevalence of mothers in the work force and of two-paycheck families, the expansion of the elderly population as a proportion of the whole,

consistently describe the experience

the increase in the age of the average woman at first childbirth, the trend toward greater income inequality, the influx of Hispanic and Asian immigrants, the continuing advance of the service economy, the vitality of "edge cities"?

Roberts, the urban affairs columnist for The New York Times, affixes up-to-date numbers to these and a raft of other demographic and

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the numbers every which way, but ple per square mile." The most the phenomena themselves are almost always old friends.

That said, some information does come as a surprise. About 30 percent of all households in New York State are carless (the highest percentage in the country). The median age of all the houses and apartments in the United States (26 years) is less than the median age of the people living in them (32 years). In 1990, there were 36,000 people in the United States more than 100 years old. Because of more accurate measurement of the size of lakes

and ponds, and also because of coastal erosion, the size of the U.S. land mass was statistically smaller than at any time since the purchase of Alaska, in 1867. The population density of the United States is 70.3 persons per square mile, a statistic that Roberts puts into perspective with this observation: "A suburban

densely populated community in America is Hoboken, New Jersey, with 25,690 people per square mile. Who We Are" may not always

offer fresh insight, but it is a valuable book. There is something to be said for a group photograph, even if the individual faces are already familiar. The book comes with a good index, which, together with the maps and charts, makes it a friendly reference volume for anyone not interested in slogging through the annual Statistical Abstract of the United States. Moreover, there is one group of people for whom, if anecdotal reports of their state of general knowledge are to be believed, large swaths of "Who We Are" may come as reve-lation. I can't think of a better book to add to every high-school reading list in America.

tract with one-acre zoning and three people per house would accommodate more than 1,800 peofor The New York Times. Cullen Murphy, managing editor of The Atlantic Monthly, wrote this

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## In Paris, What Makes Hamlet Mad?

In six years as director of the National The-

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss

ARIS - Terry Hands, a British director who has staged several Shake-speare plays at the Comedie-Française to Parisians' satisfaction, is presenting "Hamlet" in a French translation of his own at the Theatre Marigny on the Champs-Elysées.

"It is said that Hamlet is the first modern man -so obviously he must be insane," Hands wrote in the program. One of the great Hamlets of this century, Johnston Forbes-Robertson, believed otherwise, maintaining that Hamlet's appearance of madness is simply a ruse to nisguide his enemies. Actually, the prince may have gone crazy on encountering some of Johan Engels's decor and costuming.

Here is the Denmark throne hall attempting to look like Versailles Palace, built centuries later: the players arriving at Elsinore are clad as 1880 Ibsen-Bjornson troupers; Horatio. Ham-let's faithful friend, is done up as a bespecta-

HADEN'S

cled clerk straight out of Chekhov, and the local population seems to have been dressed by the Salvation Army.

Francis Huster, a matinee idol of young France, acquits himself in the title role with his customary elegance. His Hamlet is frequently fascinating, as when he breaks into "To be, or not to be," but not when he conducts a whirling-dervish dance to bewilder the king.

The supporting company is of the first rank with Genevieve Casile as the imposing Gertrude and Michel Aumont as the treacherous Claudius (both formerly of the Comédie-Francaise). Guy Trejan nearly steals the evening as a hilarious Polonius and Jacques Spiesser is the eccentric Horatio.

An alert theater collective - "La Bouche d'Ombre" — has restored a famous French play to the public (at the Dix Huit Théatre): Georges de Porto-Riche's "Amoureuse," which had its premiere at the Odéon in 1891. Porto-Riche's play illustrates that even in the most passionate affair, one loves more than the other, by revealing a wife who dotes on her husband too often and destroys his scientific

Dominique Verrier has assembled and directed a sound company, taking the assignment as the hapless husband, with Valérie Durin giving a strong performance as the wife, Philippe Ponty as the deceptive friend, and Catherine Therouenne as the husband's former mis-

This fine high comedy of the Belle Epoque retains its brilliant wit and deep knowledge. Tennessee Williams's "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," first seen on Broadway in 1955, has been fitted out with a new French adaptation by Anne Tognetti and Clande Baignères at the Marigny's Salle Popesco. Michel Fagadau's mise-en-scène has spread Deep South witchery, and here we are again with Big Daddy (Bernard Fresson), Maggie "the Cat" (Candice Patou) and Big Ma (Claire Maurier), while Bruno Wolkowitch plays the young man who is mourning his best friend's death with a large

glass of rum. Its revival is a deserved success.

#### SHORT CUTS

 MILTON NASCIMENTO. "Angelus" (WB): The Brazilian's magic tenor voice floats, mostly ballad mode, in Portuguese and English above lush strings, wood-winds and soft percussion in tandem with guests Wayne Shorter, James Taylor, Herbie Hancock, Nana Vasconcelos and Peter Ga-briel. Beautifully produced sub-stantial stuff. For repeated listening as either furniture or food (check out the fat sound on his cover of the Beatles' cover, "Hello Goodbye.")

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QUARTET WEST, "Always Say Goodbye" (Verve/Gitanes Jazz): Appropriate technology. The atmosphere of Raymond Chandler's '40s and '50s Los Angeles - oh happy days, you could always find a parking space - digitally sampled into a contemporary mix. Introduced by the voice of Humphrey Bogart from "The Big Sleep" ("My name is Marlowe ... "), it features Stephane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt spliced into the

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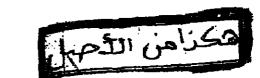
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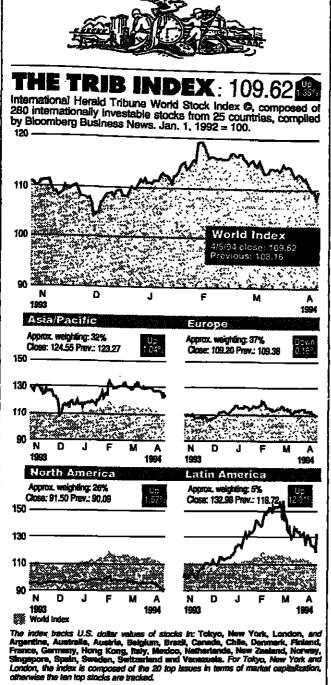


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## Costly Lesson for Wall Street Whiz Askin and Investors Find There's No Perfect Hedge

By Saul Hansell

New York Times Service -NEW YORK - David Askin entered the small conference room of his Lexington Avenue office on Monday, March 28, to face his investors: blue-chip corporations, pension funds and wealthy families.

They had entrusted him with \$600 million in

what was billed as a low-risk approach to investing in bonds backed by home mortgages. But as interest rates shot up in recent months, his two funds lost more than \$100 million. Several dozen investors were there in person, and 20 more were on the speakerphone.

What they heard did not please them. Mr. Askin said he needed \$40 million to \$50 million in capital immediately because brokerage houses were seeking money to cover the firm's losses; if the cash could not be raised,

their entire investment was in jeopardy. In the days that followed, bond prices continued to plunge, and the size of the bailout needed mushroomed to \$120 million. Then came word last Wednesday that brokerage firms were liquidating the funds' holdings in a string of fire sales. When the markets closed for the holiday weekend on Thursday, it appeared that most — if not all — of the

funds had been wiped out. Like others on Wall Street, Mr. Askin parlayed his years of experience in finance into a theory about how a small corner of the finan-

cial markets behaves. Perhaps, it would seem in retrospect, that he came to believe too fiercely in his theory that he could invest money so eleverly that it would bring a handsome return with only a

with vast sums of borrowed money. He had so intricate and subtle a model of how his investment portfolio would behave that he forgot how crude and brutal financial markets can become when traders lose their nerve

and fear takes over. "This is not a story about a flamboyant guy patting \$1 billion on one roll of the dice," one of Mr. Askin's major investors said, "This is a real investment strategy, practiced by others.

A market-neutral strategy went terribly wrong for Granite Capital.

but it requires hard work and discipline, and it got away from this guy, and no one knows

On Monday, as the markets plunged further, investors continued to ask what went wrong. Mr. Askin remained holed up in his

office, toting up the losses, trying to learn what, if anything, was left. With the decline in the Dow Jones industrial average of around 10 percent from the high set Jan. 31, and bond prices also battered. ny investors have suffered big losses. But the collapse of the Granite funds is believed

to have been an isolated incident. Mr. Askin, 43, a respected bond analyst, had worked at Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. and Daiwa Securities Co. before going into Granite Capital and Granite Partners, promised investors 15 percent annual returns with low risk, and over the last two years they had delivered such returns.

The list of investors who had placed funds under Mr. Askin's management reportedly included such insurance companies as Capi tal Holding and the American International Group, foreign banks, pension funds, including that of McKinsey & Co., and charities like the Rockefeller Foundation.

But it seems that Mr. Askin pushed his strategies to their limit - using enormous leverage to buy esoteric securities that cannot be readily sold for cash.

Thus, after the Federal Reserve Board increased interest rates on Feb. 4, and bond prices, which move in the opposite direction from rates, plunged, Mr. Askin's funds had no margin for error.

After his time at Drexel and Daiwa, Mr. Askin met various other firms proposing his theory of market-neutral mortgage investing, that is hedging positions so that profits could be made no matter which way the market

Eventually, he was hired by Whitehead-/Sterling, the firm set up mainly to manage the money of Edwin C. Whitehead, a wealthy industrialist, who started Granite Partners in 1989 with \$130 million of his own capital. The Granite fund was originally meant to buy complex mortgage securities from the

portfolios of failed savings and loan associa-

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## **EU Urges Tighter Limits on Foreign Programs**

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune BRUSSELS - The European Union should tighten its television quotas and gear subsidies to pan-European programming and dis-tribution if it wants to have a vibrant film and television industry in the 21st century, according to a report by the European Commission.

The report, a copy of which was obtained by the International Herald Tribune, has been eagerly awaited since the United States and the European Union clashed over film policy in the closing days of the world trade negotiations in December. The commission, the

ducers, mainly Hollywood. But American films and cartoons. with demand for entertainment ploys at least 1.8 million today.

much leeway to decide whether and lated, the report contends. how to enforce a requirement that The U.S. government's report on television stations show 51 percent unfair trading practices last week

pected to approve the report at its and Belgium, for example, are weekly meeting Wednesday.

and Belgium, for example, are pressing the commission to take pressing the commission to take The stakes are huge, the report Britain to court over its licensing of says. Europe has lost 80 percent of Ted Turner's TNT, a cable channel its movie box office to foreign pro- showing almost exclusively old

The report did not propose raissoaring, Europe should be able to ing the quota for European progenerate 2 million to 4 million new gramming, but it did suggest extendjobs in the sector by the year 2000 if ing quotas to nascent technologies it revives its industry, which emthat are not covered today, such as video-on-demand. These services The report says the Union's are expected to show strong growth broadcast directive was too vague in coming years and competition and gave national governments too will be distorted if they are not regu-

Union's executive agency, was ex- European programming. France cited Europe's broadcast directive as a key barrier, and Trade Representative Mickey Kantor has argued against any extension of quotas to new video services.

> The report did acknowledge that any new protective measures or subsidies would have to be of a "limited duration," given that the Union agreed to include film and television programming in the world trade accord.

Elsewhere, the report calls on the Union to break down barriers be-tween its national film and television markets so the European industry "can take advantage of the scale of the European market."

## Dollar Gets a Lift From Big Rally On Wall Street

NEW YORK -- The dollar railied against major currencies Tuesday, rising to a four-week high against the Deutsche mark, as a rebound in stocks and bonds restored confidence in U.S. assets.

"The buck is back," said David De Rosa, director of foreign-ex-change trading at Swiss Bank Corp. There's a massive dollar-buying binge going on."

The dollar rose as high as 1.7180 DM, its highest level since March 8. It closed at 1.7145 DM, up from 1.6965 DM on Monday. The dollar, which has been particularly weak against the yen, rose to 104.335 yen from 103.145 yen.

The dollar also rose to 5.8593 French francs from 5.7958 francs, and strengthened to 1.4470 Swiss francs from 1.4250 francs. The pound fell to \$1,4640 from \$1,4665 on Tuesday.

Plunging stocks and bonds de-pressed the dollar last week. The rout in the bond market ended Tuesday, with the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond falling to 7.25 percent from 7.41 percent. Declining interest rates helped stocks rebound. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 82.06 points, at 3,675.41, after fall-

ing 3.7 percent last week. "People became more interested in buying dollars because the stock and bond markets appeared to stabilize," said Tom Benfer, director of foreign-exchange trading at the Bank of Montreal.

It is too early to say if the dollar has turned the corner and is heading higher, said Ezra Zask, president of Ezra Zask Associates, a currency-trading fund that is based in Norwalk, Connecticut and has \$150 million under management. "But today's rally should make people reluctant to sell it aggres-

Flows of capital into U.S. stocks and bonds pushed the dollar higher, Mr. Zask said. Those flows are important to determine exchange rates now because so many currency speculators have been "blown

Mr. Zask said.

"Capital flows are driving every-thing right now," he said. "A lot of the speculators are on the side-lines."

Many currency speculators suf-fered when the dollar fell against major currencies in the first quarter of this year. George Soros, one of the premier speculators, said that his hedge funds lost \$600 million

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#### U.S. Bulls Take European Stocks Along for Ride

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Nearly every European stock market rose on Tuesday after staging a recovery that owed much to a surprise surge in share and bond prices on Wall Street.

The New York Stock Exchange surged as dealers took heart from a revival in bond prices. Wall Street regained considerable ground after the bear markets of the last several

The enthusiasm spilled over into Europe, where financial and oil shares were particularly strong.

European bond prices fell and their yields rose, however, on concerns about inflation as oil rose as much as \$1.22 a barrel, to \$14.42 following a rise in prices in New York on Monday on concern that violence in Algeria could disrupt

The Frankfurt market was a star performer as the DAX Index surged 1.18 percent, to 815.66, while the CAC-40 Index in Paris rose 0.88 percent, to 2,100.25. In London, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index gained 0.97 percent, to 3,116.20.

A rising dollar, however, sent the European component of the Inter-national Herald Tribune Stock In-

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#### MEDIA MARKETS

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## **Bartley's Whitewater Ride**

By William Glaberson New York Times Service
EW YORK — Who is Robert Bartley? Before Whitewater turned The Wall Street Journal's chief of editorials into a

media personality, he was already the darling of conservatives. But a headline — "Who Is Vincent Foster?" — and its aftermath have broad-ened his role. At 56, Robert L. Bartley, editor of the Journal, has become a star in the very "liberal media" he abhors. His role: Whitewater sage.

With a new prominence that began with the editorial attack last summer on Mr. Foster, the deputy White House counsel who died on July 20 in an apparent suicide, Mr. Bartley slashes away at the administration of President Bill Clinton. He sneers at the Democrats, Little Rock and anyone who calls the 1980s the decade of greed.

at his own newspaper.

The open secret at the Journal for years has been the discomfort such sentiments sometimes cause employees of the newspaper's news operation and the ridicule some of them apply to the paper's

Sometimes he even appears to scorn the reporters

editorial positions. The news division is separate from the editorial page and its employees report to a different top editor, Paul E. Steiger, the newspaper's managing editor. Mr. Steiger and Mr. Bartley report separately to Peter R. Kann, the Journal's chairman and publisher.

Some news department employees consider themselves political liberals. Some also find their news reports occasionally contradicted or undercut by their own newspaper's editorials. Whitewater has provided a new series of such opportunities for conflict.

The editorial page has sometimes heaped praise on news organizations other than the Journal for courage in pursuing Whitewater leads. The New

York Post has been especially warmly appreciated. At times, it has appeared the Journal's editorial page is insulting its own news operation by omission.

The differing approaches of the two sides of the

same newspaper have begun to attract outside attention. The New Republic's recently took note of two Journal headlines from the March 14 issue that reported the start of an investigation by the Whitewater special counsel, Robert B. Fiske Jr.
A Journal news headline that day: "Fiske Gets Off to Fast Start in Whitewater Probe by Moving

Forward Aggressively on All Fronts."

The editorial page headline the same day: "The Fiske Cover-Up II."

The Journal's senior news editors insist they are not insulted. But Alan Murray, the Washington burean chief, does acknowledge that "there is this tradition of not just separation but competition -

Mr. Bartley denies that the editorial page h tried to embarrass its own news division. But he acknowledges long-standing tension between the news and editorial sections. "There's always been

this undercurrent of disagreement," he said.

Mr. Bartley, who says his Iowa upbringing in the
1950s provided a standard of values to measure current events, appears to be reveling in the role he calls spokesman for the loyal opposition. "There's a certain kind of fun that we're having again now that we had during the Carter years," Mr. Bartley said of the mood among his staff of 30 or so conservative editorial-page writers and editors.

"You get up in the morning and say, 'O.K., what are they doing now that we can criticize?" Mr. Bartley said.

Before the current "bumbling presidency," as

the Journal's editorials like to call it, the softspoken Mr. Bartley may have been best known among conservatives for editorials that helped es-See EDITOR, Page 11

## Comments by VW's López Investigated

Reuters
HAMBURG — State prosecutors in Hamburg on Tuesday said two sworn statements by the embattled Volkswagen executive José Ignacio López de Arriortúa in hearings last year were contradictory.

We have determined that two sworn statements contradict one another," said Rüdiger Bagger, the spokesman for the state's attorney. "Now it is a question of how to judge this legally." He said he was not sure if Mr. Lopez would be charged with perjury.

The review of Mr. Lopez's comments, made during hearings on a trade-secrets dispute between he and General Motors Corp., came because two magazines have reported that Mr. López could face charges of industrial espionage. Authorities in Darmstadt have been conducting a preliminary investigation into allegations that Mr. López and several former GM employees stole secret documents from GM and it German subsidiary, Adam Opel AG, before moving to VW last year.

David Herman, the chairman of Opel, told the daily Bild newspaper on Tuesday that he expected "charges to be pressed in the next few months in the U.S. and Germany against Lopez for embezzlement, suppression of evidence and violating competition rules."

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dex down 0.16 percent, to 109.2. The index is calculated in dollars, so declining European currencies overwhelmed the equity advances.

Interest-rate speculation in Euday in a broad-based r rope centered on Germany, where investors expect the Bundesbank to lower its securities repurchase rate by several basis points Wednesday for the fifth consecutive week. The speculation, combined with hopes that the Bundesbank would lower

#### its discount rate at its next policy U.S. Stocks

meeting on April 14, brought in some foreign buyers, traders said.
The Madrid exchange rose by 0.76 percent, to 314.93, rebounding from a bear market on Monday when Spain was the only major European market open after the

Among other markets, Amsterdam and Stockholm posted slight gains while Milan, Brussels and Vi-

The Helsinki exchange was a special case, plummeting by 2.5 percent, amid concerns that rising bond yields and long-term interest rates would stifle a rally that made the Finnish market one of the bestperforming in Europe last year with a gain of 91 percent.

Bonds fell and their vields rose amid nervousness about the pace of falling European interest rates,

The yield on the 10-year British 7.54 percent from 7.51 percent. In France, the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury obligation rose to the shares are inexpensive at their 6.5 percent from 6.46 percent. The current levels.

yield on Germany's 10-year Bund rose to 6.36 percent from 6.32. (Reiners, Bloomberg, AFP)

Stocks railied sharply on Tues-

day in a broad-based recovery, more than crasing a 43-point drop on Monday which had dragged the index to its weakest level in six months, The Associated Press reported from New York.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 3,675.41, up 82.06

points from Monday.

Big-volume institutional investors were the most active buyers on Tuesday, and they were concentrating their purchases on economi cally sensitive stocks that could be expected to rise the most during an economic recovery, traders said. Small investors, if they were buy-

ing at all, were doing so gingerly.
Volume on the New York Stock Exchange surged to more than 366.01 million shares, even higher than the heavy trading level of 342.86 million shares on Monday. Among active issues, General Motors rose 214 to 5714 and led a rise of issues sensitive to economic cycles, which suffered the most in the

Seiz Another strong gainer in the sector was Catepillar, up 3 to 1164. Woolworth clawed back part of its recent plunge, rising 1% to 14%. The stock has tumbled recently amid allegations of accounting it-

recent slide. GM also had its earnings estimates raised at Furman

regularities.
In over-the-counter trading, Microsoft firmed 34 to 874. Hancock Institutional Equity Services raised government bond, or gilt, rose to a rating on the stock saying the software company was well positioned in the markets it serrves and

#### **DOLLAR:** Currency Rallies, Too

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when the dollar tumbled against

the yen in February.

Concern about Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa's political future helped the dollar gain against the yen. The yen fell after Japanese news services reported that Mr.

#### Foreign Exchange

Hosokawa was eager to resign traders said, Mr. Hosokawa denied the reports, according to Nikkei English News.

Critics assailed Mr. Hosokawa when he failed to pass political reform legislation and could not negotiate a trade agreement with the U.S., said Amy Smith, currencymarket strategist at IDEA, a consulting firm. His administration

has been under fire since, she said. "Hosokawa looks weak and vulnerable." Ms. Smith said. "Many people expect him to be out by this

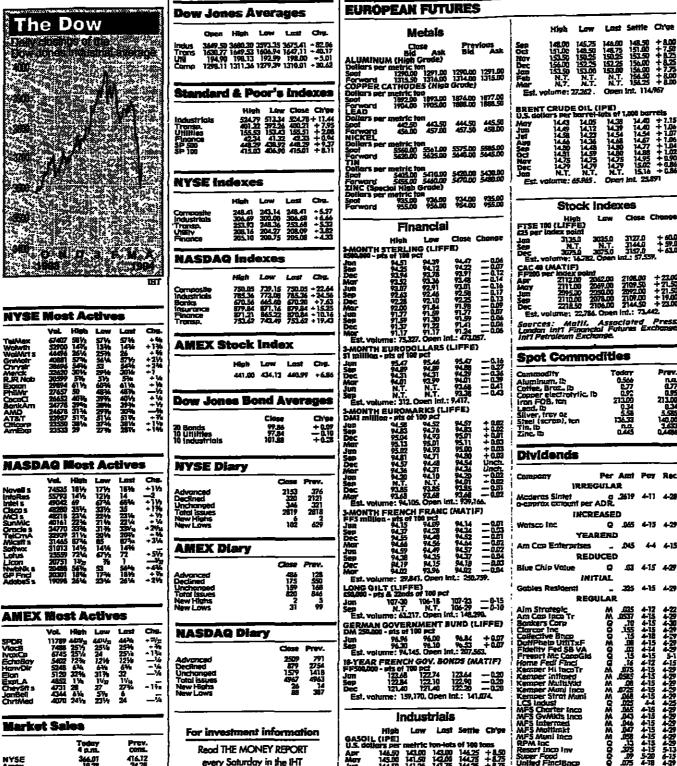
Renewed faith in American assets, as well as factors specific to Canada, helped the Canadian dol- da from being eroded by inflation."

lar gain on Tuesday, traders said. The Canadian dollar rebounded from seven-year lows against the U.S. dollar, rising to 72.34 U.S. cents from 71.60 cents on Monday.

That Monday level represented an eight-year low for the Canadian dollar, which has been hard-hit by concerns about Ottawa's budget deficit and about inflation, Agence France-Presse reported from To-

Three things happened Tuesday to put a floor under the Canadian dollar. The Canadian stock market rebounded, the Bank of Canada raised its discount rate to 6.21 percent from 5.64 percent to defend the currency, and the central bank governor, Gordon Thiessen, pledged to maintain tight control over infla-tion. The discount rate had been raised last week, from 5 percent.

Mr. Thiessen said the best way monetary policy can contribute to maintaining Canadian living standards "is to seek to protect the value of the money we use in Cana-



Weather Pulls Down U.S. Indicators WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief gauge of future economic activity suffered its first decline in seven months, the Commerce Department said Tuesday, but much of the weakness was caused

by severe winter weather. The department's index of leading indicators slipped 0.1 percent in February, following a revised 0.4 percent increase in January and a 0.6 percent spurt in December. The index of 11 forward-pointing statistics is

designed to predict economic activity six to nine months down the road.

Government analysts said the index was pulled down by a sharp drop in the length of the manufacturing workweek and a fall in building permits, both of which they said were affected by February's severe weather.

#### U.S. Grounds Lorenzo Airline Plan

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — The government on Tuesday rejected the airline application of ATX Inc., a company with ties to Frank Lorenzo, the former chairman of Continental Airlines. The Transportation Department cited past safety and regulatory compliance problems experienced by airlines run by Mr. Lorenzo and said he failed to demonstrate adequate commitment to safety and legal requirements.

Eastern Air Lines and Continental Airlines, while they were controlled by Mr. Lorenzo, had operational, maintenance and labor-related prob-lems that were among the most serious in the history of U.S. aviation, the department said.

Mr. Lorenzo blamed trade union influence for the rejection and said ATX would appeal the decision in the courts. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

#### Southwestern Bell Halts Cox Plan

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) - Southwestern Bell Corp. said Tuesday it was calling off its \$4.9 billion cable relevision partnership with Cox Cable.

Communications, blaming increased regulation of the cable industry.

The announcement marked the second big partnership between a phone company and cable television company to collapse this year. In February, Bell Atlantic Corp., the mid-Atlantic phone company, and Tele-Communications Inc., the largest cable television company in the United States, called off a merger, also blaming cable regulation and

San Antonio-based Southwestern Bell provides local phone service in the Southwest. Atlanta-based Cox Cable, a unit of privately-held Cox Enterprises Inc. of Atlanta, is one of the largest cable systems in the country.

#### Novell Set to Name New President

SAN FRANCISCO (NYT) - The software company Novell Inc. said Tuesday it was naming a new president to succeed Raymond Noorda.

Robert Frankenberg, vice president and general manager of personal information products at Hewlett-Packard Co., will take over the post, according to published reports. People familiar with the plans said Mr. Noorda would continue for an indefinite time as chief executive but that Mr. Frankenberg had been hired with the understanding that he would

#### Lehman Values Itself at \$2.7 Billion

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) --- Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. moved a step closer Tuesday to breaking its decade-long tie with American Express Co., filing for its planned spin-off from the travel and credit-card company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In the filing, Lehman values itself at about \$2.7 billion. American Express plans to distribute 98.7 million shares in a tax-free transaction that will separate it from Lehman by the end of June. Shareholders of American Express will receive one Lehman share for every five shares

As part of the plan, American Express will pump \$1.1 billion into Lehman and will break even on its foray into the brokerage business. American Express rose 1% to 28% on Tuesday.

## GATT Chief Seeks Compromise Formula on Workers' Rights Plan

By Alan Friedman

ional Herald Tribune GENEVA -- Peter Sutherland. director-general of GATT, began a round of consultations Tuesday with diplomats in a bid for a last-minute compromise on the controversial U.S. demand for a discussion of workers' rights and world trade.

Washington last week made clear that unless the issue was addressed, it would hold up the declaration scheduled to accompany the signing next week of the Final Act of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in order to discuss workers' rights. The United States wants the subject brought up in the context of the new World Trade Organization that is to succeed GATT and has threatened to block the work of the preparatory committee on the WTO.

Washington has said it believes unfair working conditions distort trade and give an unfair advantage to those countries exporting goods under such circum-

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stances, and it wants the GATT declaration to introduce the objective of protecting workers' rights. A number of developing countries, including Malaysia, Singapore, India and Brazil, have reacted negatively to the U.S. mitiative.

Mr. Sutherland said Tuesday he hoped a compromise could be found ahead of the GATT signing in Marrakesh, Morocco. next week. "Clearly, the trade-labor issue is not acceptable to a large number of coun-

tries," he said. "We should seek ways to avoid a North-South divide."

A U.S. diplomat stressed, however, that Washington would not go ahead with the work of the preparatory committee after Marrakesh unless GATT members agreed at least to discuss the issue of workers' rights. "Nobody is going to go ahead with the World Trade Organization without us." the U.S. official said, noting that GATT decisions must be taken on the basis of consensus.

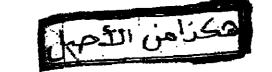
#### Suez Swings to Profit

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PARIS — Compagnie de Suez SA, a French financial holding company, said Tuesday that it moved back to a net profit of 1.58 billion francs (\$277 million) in 1993 from a loss in 1992 of 1.87 billion francs.

Suez said the turnaround partly reflected good prices on asset sales. Suez said it had decided to inject 2 billion francs in capital to Črédisuez and buy financial assets worth l billion francs from this unit.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Disparches the certain states at a state of the certain states at a state of the certain state of the ce ISTANBUL - Turkish stocks rallied 7 percent on Tuesday and the central bank knocked 28 percent off the dollar value of the lira after the government announced a scries of long-expected belt-tight-

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Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's stark program of taxes, firings, selloffs and price increases to brake inflation, stabilize the currency and boost exports, was applauded by most bankers and economists, who

urged its swift implementation. "The economy was heading full stream towards a Latin Americanstyle tragedy if these measures were not imposed," said Mrs. Ciller, an economist by training.

"An improvement in the Turkish economy will be seen in the second half of 1994," she said. "Inflation will drop sharply and economic The second secon balance will be reestablished."

Many economists were less optimistic about the timing of results but agreed with the strategy.

"We may start seeing positive results in 1995," said Sedat Aloglu, chairman of the Economic Development Foundation. "The prescription is correct, but the targets will be realized only if these measures are implemented without any concession."

"We must all back these bold steps," said Melih Araz, a manager of Interbank. "Turkey had come to a turning point and now these mea-sures, which aim at curbing the public sector, require a consensus."

As expected, the government raised prices of many state monopoly goods, including gasoline, tobacco, alcohol, sugar and fertilizer, by up to 100 percent to raise public funds. The state airline raised ticket prices by 53 percent.

Mrs. Ciller said some unprofitable coal mines and steel mills would be closed as part of the country's privatization plan, which is expected to raise the equivalent of \$3.5 billion in revenue in 1994.

In addition to the thousands of layoffs involved with these decisions, the government announced that its official staff abroad, including the foreign service, would be cut by up to 20 percent and that the work force employed on a contract basis in the state sector would be reduced by 25 percent.

The government also said it would no longer subsidize the agricultural sector except for wheat, sugar and beets, while the production of tobacco will be limited.

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The central bank, in addition to lifting the dollar to 32,053 lire from Monday's rate of 23,078 lire, issued new regulations to stabilize markets and also said that it would disclose a new monetary program later this month.

The Istanbul Stock Exchange jumped 7 percent, to 17,500.97, on the bullish mood created by the privatization plans and falling overnight interest rates, which dropped to 130 percent on Tuesday! from 200 percent on Monday. The country's largest labor

group, the Turk-Is confederation, reacted angrily to the measures. "The measures are against the in-terests of our people," said Bayram Meral, the group's chairman. "They will increase unemployment, poverty as well as social and politi-

## Eurotunnel Settles With Builders Deal Clears Way for Rights Issue, but Not Opening

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON — The long-delayed rail service between Britain and France via the Channel tunnel is still without a starting date, but on Tuesday the project's beleaguered shareholders got a bit of good news ahead of schedule. Eurotunnel PLC said it had cleared up its

biggest financial uncertainty by agreeing to pay the tunnel's builders a total of £1.14 billion (\$2 billion) at 1985 prices. This means in current money, Eurotunnel will pay the builders an additional £70 million to £85 million. Analysts said that the settlement, which

covered cost overruns on the project's fixed equipment such as air conditioning and electrical systems, has cleared the way for Eurotunnel's planned rights issue this spring. That issue is expected to raise from £500 million to £750 million, a sum that has grown with every new delay in commencing service on the £10 billion project. At the same time, Eurotumnel is expected to raise a similar amount of funding in the debt markets.

"The settlement removes one of the biggest doubts over-hanging the rights issue and as such is certainly good news," a British analyst

The builders, a consortium of five British and five French companies called Trans-Manche Link, had claimed they were owed £1.95 billion in 1985 terms and not the £620 million set forth in the original contract. A spokesman for the builders' group said the companies were pleased with the settlement.

"You have to understand that in the contracting world you tend to put in the absolute maximum that you are looking for but you don't expect to get it," John Davies said, Eurotunnel was quick to point out that the

settlement amounted to less than the builders

Both sides were anxious to end the dispute.

were seeking. "We believe that this settlement is very much in the interests of our shareholders." said the co-chairmen of Eurotunnel, M. André Bénard and Sir Alastair Morton. The final sum paid to the TransManche will depend on the success of the rights issue, with a higher share price being rewarded with a higher cash payment to the contractors. Analysts said that factor should give the

with Eurotimnel in speeding the commissioning of the tunnel.

Tests of the various fixed systems plus the rolling stock have already forced the compa-ny to toss away its plans to start freight service last month and automobile shuttle

service on May 9. Service was originally to

have begun in the spring of 1993.

German Industrial Output Perks Up

builders an added incentive to cooperative

smoothly as possible," said Brian Keelan, a managing director at Swiss Bank Corp., which acted as financial adviser to the contractors' consortium. That incentive will be strengthened by TransManche's unusual agreement to underwrite £75 million worth of the rights issue itself. That agreement would make it the owner of the shares should the rights issue fail. Both sides of the dispute expressed sur-

"It gives the contractors a very good financial incentive to make sure all goes ahead as

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prise Tuesday at how quickly it was settled. Mr. Keelan said the Trojan War had lasted 10 years and that there had seemed "every prospect" of Eurotunnel and the builders battling it out for just as long. Mr. Davies noted that contracts on even run-of-the-mill road-building contracts typically take four or five years after the completion of construction to iron out. "This is incredibly fast," he said.

People close to the negotiations, which ran throughout the Easter weekend, said that in the end. both sides faced their own pressures to cut a deal, Eurotunnel was keen to clear the decks for the rights issue, the prospects for which grow dimmer with every new delay in the tunnel's opening. TransManche's mem-bers were eager to get their cash and move on. Both sides also wanted to avoid incurring the immense legal bills that would come with years of litigation.

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#### **Very briefly:**

 Zil, a Russian car plant famed for making the black limousines long used by Kremlin officials, said it was sending more than 60,000 of its 100,000 workers on forced leave for one week. The company said unpaid bills had forced the suspension of its main production line.

• Royal Bijenkorf Beheer NV, a Dutch retailer, said it planned to sell 1.3 million new shares in a public offering that would raise 148.9 million guilders (\$79.4 million) to finance expansion.

• Mannesmann AG, the German industrial company, said it planned to merge VDO Adolf Schmiding AG, an auto components subsidiary, and Hartmann & Braun AG, an electronics unit, into the parent company. . Hoechst AG of Germany and Courtanies PLC of Britain said they had merged units to form the second-largest fiber producer in Europe after Italy's Enichem SpA.

· Royal Gist-Brocades NV, the Dutch biochemical company, announced an agreement to sell a unit that makes industrial enzymes in Kingstree, South Carolina to the division's managers.

• Lego A/S, the Danish toymaker, said it would build a theme park west of London, its first park to be set up outside Denmark.

million) to help build a chemical plant in the Chinese province of Heilongijang. Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX, AP

#### ported Tuesday, but economists from the corresponding two said there had not been as much months in 1993. improvement as the single month's However, there were noticeable performance seemed to indicate. gains in basic production goods The ministry said output rose 1.2 and in construction on a twomonth comparison; economists

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BONN - Industrial production production was unchanged.

percent from January and was up l percent year-on-year.

But comparing January and Feborary combined against the previous

Stefan Schneider, chief economy. ruary combined against the previous cal unrest." (Reuters, AP, AFP) two months, a method that reduces mist at Nomura Research Deutsch- year-on-year.

aged by the 4.3 percent year-onin Western Germany rose in February Production in January-February year rise in basic production gary, the Economics Ministry recombined rose just 0.1 percent on a two-month comparison. year rise in basic production goods

"They are normally something of a pointer to the future," he said. "I see these figures as support for cautious optimism but nothing that would knock you off your chair."

The Economics Ministry revised its January output data down to show a fall of 1:1 percent from December and a 1.7 percent drop

Global Markets in London said the latest data confirmed that whatever strength there was in West German industry came from the export side. "When you look at where the

strength is coming from in manu-

facturing, it's all the basic and capi-tal goods, which are the export sectors," she said. Consumer goods, which were essentially domestic markets, were down in both month-on-month

and year-on-year comparisons.

• Montedison SnA said it had signed a contract worth 50 billion lire (\$31

## Government Incentives Lift French Car Sales

PARIS — Sales of new cars in France rose 14.3 percent in March from a year earlier, boosted by a government trade-in plan, the French carmakers association said Tuesday.

The association said sales in April should rise at a similar pace, based on increased orders. Passenger-car sales in March rose to 188.600

from 165,040 a year earlier, while car and light truck sales rose 13.2 percent, to 216,100 from

190,850. During the first quarter, sales rose 12.5

"This is the first clear sign that the government incentive plan is working, and working better than expected," said Patrice Solaro, an analyst at Natwest Sellier, in Paris.

The French government late in January began to offer 5,000 French francs (\$870) to people who traded in a car at least 10 years old for a new model, a bonus most carmakers then matched.

Last week, carmakers extended their matching bonuses to the end of April, and executives said they may run them longer than that. The government plan lasts through June 1995.

said this could represent a glimmer

French carmakers benefited the most from the rise in sales, while Japanese carmakers saw sales fall 17 percent in March. PSA Peugot Citroën SA led car sales with

62,100 units, a 29.6 percent increase from the previous year. Renault's car sales rose 8.4 per-(Bloomberg, Reuters)

how the 1960s ruined the country.

briefcase after his death said, among other things, that "the WSJ editors lie without consequence."

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Some of the editorials offer new information dug up by the Journal's editorial-page staff. These "reported editorials," as the Jour-

is — that the tone of the editorial editorial page he has edited since page turned taunting after Mr. Fos-1972 as "smart, ferocious and very, ter's apparent suicide, Mr. Bartley very powerful."

The "Who Is Vincent Foster?"

does not appear concerned. "If you have a good story, run with it," he

tution and a Republican who has

and everyone close to him," Mr. Hess said. "It's as if they are really trying to bring down a presidency. "Hillary," as Mrs. Clinton is often called on the Journal's editorial page (as in "Hillary in the Pits," the headline of an editorial last week headline of mid-December to its "Who Is Vin-

been bossterous in its suggestions the media lately, Mr. Bartley said that the administration has been tainted by "congenitally violent" week, is "the other side of the

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"People," he said, "were assigning us a sense of responsibility." But a newspaper cannot be held nal calls them, have delved into the accountable for the effects of de-Clintons' Arkansas connections pression in an official it covers. Mr. Bartley said he did not understand criticism that the Jour-

If there is criticism — and there nal's editorials are mean in tone. "Look," he said, "we write lively The Journal's editorial page has

never been shy, at least since Mr. Bartley took over in 1972. It has had clear likes (Oliver North, Rob-Some Journal watchers say they are offended. "To me, it's so mean-spirited," said Stephen Hess, a meand dislikes (cultural elites, Lani Guinier and "frantic propagan-dists" and "left-wing lobbyists" like Common Cause and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

Mr. Bartley won a Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing in 1980. His top deputy, Daniel Henninger, wrote one of the best-known recent Journal editorials, No Guardrails," in March. It con-

chided that it was possible to specify when America "began to tip off the emotional tracks." According to the Journal, it was

in August 1968, during the antiwar demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

port of senior executives of Dow Jones & Co., which publishes the Journal. Mr. Bartley has been a vice president of the newspaper and a member of the company's management committee for a de-

cade. In an interview last week, Mr. Kann called Mr. Bartley "one of the genuine intellectual leaders of America.

In person, the bespectacled Mr. Bartley is so deferential that he appears to cringe at being the object of interest. His sentences are interrupted with pauses and it is nearly impossible to detect the ta-ble pounding that is so familiar on

his editorial page.
Mr. Kann and others who have known him for years say it is part of Mr. Bartley's writer's personality to reserve his passions for the printed page. Mr. Bartley was briefly a re-porter for the Journal in the early 1960s and joined the editorial page staff in 1964.

What he perceived as the hypocrisy of the left in the 1960s, he said, began his drift from moderate Republicanism toward the right. As the foundation of his thinking, he cites his youth in Ames, lowa, where society's structure and the values of individual responsibility

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Continued from Page 9 tablish the supply-side economic underpinnings of Ronald Reagan's years as president. He was favored, too, for commentary that described

But lately, Mr. Bartley has been reaching a wider audience. He is seen on "Meet the Press" one day and on "Charlie Rose" another. New York magazine is describing the rambunctiously conservative

editorial that started all this atten- said. that criticized Mr. Foster and other administration lawyers from the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock. A note found in Mr. Foster's

This winter, there have been new Who is" editorials. They have been aimed at "Friends of Bill" and

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and raised questions about the investigation into Mr. Foster's death.

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## Malaysian Finance Chief **Denies Link to Losses**

KUALA LUMPUR - Malay sia's finance minister, Anwar Ibra-him, sought Tuesday to absolve self from blame over the central bank's two years of hefty losses from foreign currency trading saying it was due to misjudgment at the bank.

"It was a scrious error in judgment," said Mr. Anwar, who is also deputy prime minister.

The political opposition is press-

ing him to resign under the principle manisterial accountability, although Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad appears little inclined to lay wind and close all forward and long blame at his deputy's door.

Mr. Anwar said that he was told

18 months ago that Bank Negara, all forward deals and is trading Malaysia's central bank, was losing money on international currency markets. He then ordered the bank to cease trading in forward foreignexchange contracts, he said.

"My policy instructions were early 1993, traders said. very clear," Mr. Anwar said. "As far back as in 1992, I had told the active in markets such as New

to set up trade harriers.

trade agenda," he said.

world population.

NEW DELHI - Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha

Rao of India said Tuesday that Asian and Pacific

acountries should guard against moves by the devel-

oped world to use environmental and social concerns

Mr. Rao issued the warning at a meeting of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the

Pacific, a body that represents more than half the

"While developing countries and developed coun-

tries alike must share action to deal with genuine

social and environmental concerns, we should not

countenance any moves to put these concerns on the

"Legitimate concern for environmental preservation

ng protectionist trade barriers," he said.

Developing countries have expressed growing con-

and upgradation should not, however, be made an alibi

markets, admitted on Thursday it lost 5.7 billion ringgit (\$2.28 billion) from forex transactions last year. Governor Jaffar Hussein resigned after assuming full responsi-

bank warned that fimiting trading bality for the losses, which followed 9.3 billion ringgit in trading losses to spot deals "doesn't mean no losses." In fact, some of Bank Nein 1992 gara's forward-related losses were The cabinet is to meet Wednesbad spot positions that had been day to discuss the losses, but it is rolled over, dealers said.

successor will be named Mr. Anwar said the bank incurred hefty losses last year because it was adhering to his instructions to uncurrency positions.

not known whether Mr. Jaffar's

Bank Negara has since banned currency only on a spot basis The size of its deals now are only

about 10 percent of the transactions of between \$500 million and \$2 billion it used to execute until Bank Negara bank is still fairly

bank not to trade excessively in reserves."

Bank Negara, long known as a swashbuckling player on currency

Table 1992, I had told the active in markets such as New York, though its presence in Singapore — its past playground — has declined sharply in the past year.

Bank Negara is probably less ac-

India Assails Trade Barriers

make profits," the prime minister said. "I think that would be un-fair." (AFP, Knight-Ridder)

One former official of the central

But Mr. Mahathir, who was

overseas when the fiasco unfolded

said over the weekend that the

losses would not weaken Malay-

"On the whole, we made a profit,

and our losses actually came from profits made in forex dealings in

preceding years," he said, "If that is

not the case, how can we have a strong reserve of 70 billion ringgit, which can sustain the nation's im-

"I cannot just pick on the year

when we record losses without tak-

ing into consideration the years we

ports for up to eight months?"

the United States to look at countries' records on

human rights and the environment as part of trade

Mr. Rao said environmental concerns had become

inseparable from development but appealed to indus-

trialized countries to appreciate the desire of the developing world to catch up with them. "The need of

Mr. Rao also said he hoped fresh impediments to

free trade would not come up before the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade agreement is signed

Leaders of the Group of 15 developing countries meeting in New Delhi last month insisted that they

would reject nontariff barriers in the agreement. They

also said that they would reject a U.S.-sponsored move on labor standards, including a proposal that would

effectively increase wages in developing countries, as well as the inclusion of human rights and environmen-

the times is for cooperation, not confrontation."

in Morocco next month.

sia's financial position.

## Investors Rebel Against Direction Of China Vanke

SHANGHAI - Rebellious shareholders have turned on one of China's publicly traded companies, Signaling a wider re-volt against management excesses as stock prices slide.

China Vanke Co., which has catapulted from a sleepy officeequipment importer to a large real estate and stock concern in just a few years, is lighting a securities house that is trying to engineer a boardroom coup.

On Tuesday, the two sides took their battle to the Shanghai Securities News. Vanke management ran a front-page advertisement hinting at legal action and the brokerage, A & J Securities, defiantly proclaimed itself a champion of neglected shareholders.

The company has issued class B shares to foreign investors and class A shares to domestic buyers.

From its base in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, the company has pursued the real estate boom up the coast to Shanghai, Qingdao and other cities, developing luxury residential projects.

When it raided a Shanghai company last year, Vanke gained an image as a tough cor-porate player — a style reflected by top managers who surround themselves by young aides in double-breasted suits

and dark glasses.
But as Vanke flexed its muscles, its share price languished. Its class B shares have rarely risen above their issue price. Shareholders wondered

whether the company was being run by professional managers with a long-term plan or by mavericks out for a quick profit. Questions about Vanke's management style exploded in public last week, when A & J Securities called a news conference to demand a company re-

A & J, saying it was a proxy for four shareholders owning 10.73 percent of Vanke's equity, demanded the replacem eight to 10 members of the 14member board and a retreat to its core business. One of the four shareholders, Shenzhen New Generation Industry Co., later distanced itself from the attack and threw its weight behind the board.

In its advertisement on Tues-

The discontent portends wider disappointment with Chinese corporate management.

day, Vanke claimed that rebels held a mere 3.17 percent of the

Nevertheless, brokers said the unprecedented boardroom challenge was a warning to many other listed companies that have followed Vanke's erratic profit path. With the Shenzhen and Shanghai stock markets slumping investors have started to look above the bottom line. The Shanghai A-share index is now at its lowest level since last year and its Shenzhen counterpart is a deeper slump.

B-share investors, unimpressed by a string of average corporate results this year, are spooked by fears of national inflation and are in a generally gloomy mood because of a steep slide in Hong Kong share prices.

## **Japan Posts Small Rise** In Surplus

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Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches TOKYO — Japan's trade surplus edged up to a record in February, but the small rise from 12 months earlier indicated that export growth has stopped, a development that would help the government in its relations with the United States and other industrial countries.

The current account surplus, the wide measure of trade in goods and services, edged up 0.1 percent, to \$11.94 billion, from \$11.93 billion in February 1993. The surplus actually declined in yen terms, reported by the government as 1.27 trillion yen in February, down 12 percent from 1.442 trillion yen a year earlier.
Economists said the yen figures

were not widely followed, but they illustrated the so-called J-curve effect. Because the ven has been rising in value, largely a result of trade tensions between Japan and the United States, the dollar amount of exports rose even though fewer units were shipped. The J-curve effect predicts that the rising cost of Japanese products will eventually reduce demand and thus unit shipments. Whether this will happen was

subject of debate. There are no clear signs that the surplus will decrease from this given the slow economic recovery in Japan," an analyst at an American curities firm said. The surplus will not start falling until the Japanese economy emerges from the current long-lasting recession."
But Mineko Sasaki-Smith of Mo-

gan Stanley Securities Japan said: It's a positive sign. The surplus is on the verge of turning a corner to-ward stability and gradual decline." The long-term capital balance, which measures direct investment. trade credits, loans and securities transactions, posted a record sur-

plus of \$17.5 billion, reversing a deficit of \$8.4 billion a year earlier. The main factor behind the record surplus was foreign buying of Japanese stocks which hit a record of \$11.5 billion, surpassing the pre-vious record of \$10.6 billion the

previous month. nth. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP, AFP)

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#### **Very briefly:**

 Japan's Finance Ministry said net purchases of Japanese bonds by foreign investors totaled 776.0 billion yen (\$7.5 billion) in February, the highest on record, as government bonds in other markets suffered losses. Rover Japan Ltd. is cutting car retail prices by an average 12.7 percent. citing fallbug production costs and the strong yen.

 Mitsui Petrochemical Industries Ltd. is setting up a \$130 million venture with Amoco Chemical Corp. to make raw materials for polyester textile and plastic bottles in Indonesia.

 Bank of Thailand said Japan was the largest foreign direct investor in Thailand last year, at 9.3 billion baht (\$368 million); the United States, with 7.7 billion baht, fell to second place; a bank official said the increase in Japanese investment was mostly due to the rising value of the yen.

PT Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa, Indonesia's biggest cement maker, said net profit fell 5 percent, to 312.4 billion rupiah (\$147 million), in 1993; a broker blamed the service of debt incurred from acquisitions.

PetroVietnam, the state oil company, plans to begin delivering natural gas by pipeline from the offshore Bach Ho oil field to a power station in Vung Tau by October, Vietnam News reported.

AFP, AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder

#### **Australian Market at Lows**

lowest level this year, reflecting rising bond yields.

The All Ordinaries index closed

3.1 points down, at 2,050.0, and is 12.8 percent below its all-time peak of 2,350.1 on Feb. 3. The market hit at BT Securities. But Winston Sama four-month low of 2,009.8 points

in early trading Tuesday.

The yield on the benchmark Sep-

tember 2004 Commonweath bond cent in early February.

another 100 to 200 points off, given where the bond yields are," said Hugh Dougherty, head of research mut, associate director at BZW Investments Australia, said stocks had already had their biggest falls.

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- 1. Reports of the Board of Directors and of the Auditors. 2. Approval of the financial statements as of
- December 31, 1993.
- 3. Acceptance of the Directors recommendation to pay no dividend for the year ended December 31, 1993.
- 4. Discharge of the Directors and of the Auditors in respect of the carrying out of their duties during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1993.
- 5. Election of the Directors and of the Auditors.

6. Miscellaneous business.

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Holders of bearer shares may vote at the Meeting:

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## **HEDGE:** A Wall Street Whiz and His Investors Relearn Some Old Lessons

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tions that were being unloaded by Resolution Trust Corp.

After Mr. Whitehead's death in 1992, his heirs wanted to reduce their investment but the complex securities could not be sold quickly. Instead, Whitehead/Sterling was sold to Mr. Askin and renamed Askin Capital.

Mr. Askin is a specialist in analyzing the value of collateralized mortgage obligations, or CMOs, among the world's most complex securities. At their core are bundles of home loans that have been packaged together by mortgage bankers and then sold to investors.

Wall Street firms can divide a pool of mortgages into three dozen separate securities — some conservative and others highly specula-

Mr. Askin's strategy took advantage of the fact that some of these mortgage-backed securities are intended to increase in value as interest rates rise. That is the opposite of most bonds. types of bonds, he could earn interest on both, yet be market neutral - largely immune from interest-rate moves.

In theory, a market-neutral portfolio should be less volatile than one tied to market movements. In fact, other funds that invest in mortgage-backed securities ostensibly with strategies similar to those of Mr. Askin say they have made money this year.

Mr. Askin's track record, short as it was,

seemed to support his claim of high return with low risk, and his funds grew from about \$200 million in the beginning of 1993 to \$600 million

His strategy appeared to work relatively well for a while, even as interest rates bottomed out last fall and then started to climb.

On March 10, Mr. Askin sent a letter to investors saying that the funds were down 1.7 percent in February. "That leaves returns above many other investment strategies," he wrote. And as late as March 16, Mr. Askin told Capital Holding executives that he thought the funds would be up in March, Mr. Tumbler said.

But in reality, things were not so rosy. As uncertainty about interest rates grew, the entire market for sophisticated mortgage-backed securities dried up. So prices fell on all Mr. Askin's socurities, even those that were supposed to rise as interest rates did.

"There has been no liquidity, no bids for four to five weeks," Mr. Askin said in an interview

last week, calling the prices he was quoted by dealers "hysterical."

Mr. Askin's choice, when confronted with these prices, was perhaps the most significant cause of his downfall. When he compiled his February report to investors, he did not use the prices quoted by brokerage firms in valuing the portfolio. Instead he used his own estimate of what a fair value would be for the securities —

an unusual but not unheard-of practice: Mr. Askin was betting that prices would revert to those called for in his mathematical models. But by March 23, he was losing the bet.

'If it looks too good to be true, maybe it is.'

One of David Askin's investors

Mr. Askin figured that if he bought both and flew to New York to face a series of margin calls, as brokers' demands for loan payments are known.

The prices quoted for the securities in his funds kept falling, and several brokerage firms simultaneously demanded more money.

Some firms, which had required Mr. Askin to

post a margin deposit in cash of 10 percent of the securities purchased, raised the percentage to 15 or 20 percent, investors said. This, combined with the falling value of the positions, created an

accelerating demand for money.

Only two days later, after the margin calls began to eat away at the value of the fund significantly, did Mr. Askin tell investors, through a fax, that there was a problem.

He disclosed that his funds had lost more than 20 percent of their value in February not the 1-plus percent he had previously report-

By the time the investors gathered the following Monday, there was a far greater problem than margin calls. Financial specialists familiar with the portfolio say the funds had become dangerously unhedged, and would lose value quickly if rates kept rising — as they did.

There is a substantial disagreement as to why

the funds were no longer market neutral. Mr. Askin's explanation is that as he had to sell securities to raise the cash for the margin calls, and the only securities that were salable were the ones that were increasing in value.

But some mortgage-backed securities dealers

who saw Mr. Askin's investments question whether his hedging strategy was constructed

They suggest that some of the securities that were meant to appreciate as rates rise, were actually the kind that reverse direction and start falling in value if the rate increases continue, as they have.

Some investors are also questioning whether Mr. Askin, in fact, chose to be unhedged, betting that interest rates would fall.

While other investors were deciding whether to add more funds, the Rockefeller Foundation On that day he cut short a vacation in Florida and two other investors who had separate accounts managed by Mr. Askin opted to put up more money - equal to an additional 30 percent of their invested capital - to meet the margin calls.

But first they dismissed Mr. Askin, and hired

a new manager for their investments.

The other investors, however, could not reach agreement. Their outside advisers —

Trust Co. of the West, a large money management firm, and Clinton Group, another invest-ment partnership with a market-neutral mortgage strategy — were having trouble pricing the portfolio. Then brokers started selling Mr. Askin's holdings.

Mr. Askin is bitter about the experience. "We were being threatened a lot," he said. "Some dealers sold our positions, but did not give us a lot of details. They forced our hands and made us walk off the plank."

The brokers were afraid that the value of their collateral would disappear and they would face huge losses. In fact, however, when the brokers auctioned

off Granite's holdings Wednesday and Thursday, the prices they received were higher than they had expected. Yet now, as Mr. Askin sweeps up the remains

of his business, and as the investors hire lawyers for the expected lawsuits, everybody involved is considering what lessons have been learned. Most of them are variations on the simple truths that successful people often think they

can transcend. For one, sophisticated strategies do not always work. And there is no replacement for a cushion of liquidity. More simply perhaps, investors say that they should have figured that something was wrong with his promise of a 15 percent return with no

"Maybe this sounds to easy to say now," one dazed investor said, "If it looks too good to be true, maybe it is."

SYDNEY — The Australian rose 27 basis points, to close at 8.22 stock market on Tuesday hit its percent, up from around 6.5 per-The equity market "should be

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L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE ORDINAIRE DES ACTIONNAIRES qui se tiendra au siège social à Luxembourg le 25 avril 1994 à 15 h 30, avec l'ordre du jour suivant :

#### ORDRE DU JOUR

1. Rapport de gestion du Conseil d'Administration: 2 Rapport du Réviseur d'Entreprises;

8. Adoption des comptes de l'exercice au 31 Dé-

4. Affectation du résultat; 5. Décharge aux administrateurs et au Réviseur d'En-

treprises; Nomination des organes sociaux : Réclection des administrateurs sortants, à l'exception de Monsieur Olivier MAUMUS et G.P.A. - VIE PARIS, représentée

par Monsieur Jean-Philippe THIERRY, qui démissionnent; Ratification de la nomination de Monsieur Jean-Philippe THIERRY, en tant qu'administrateur à titre personnel, et celle de Monsieur Donat BRANGER, en remplacement de Monsieur Olivier MAUMUS:

- Réclection du Réviseur d'Entreprises.

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Amounts in Dutch guilders	1993	1992	% Change
(in millions)		1	
Results before tax	2,821	2,386	+ 18.2
Net profit	2,029	1,829	+ 10.9
(in guilders)			
Net profit per share	8.01	7.50	+ 6.8
Dividend per share	3.50	3.19	+ 9.7
(in billions)			
Total assets	339.4	322.9	+ 5.1
Investments	132.1	127.7	+ 3.4
Bank lending	144.9	138.1	+ 4.9
Group capital base	22.6	16.7	+ 35.2



The annual report will appear on April 18th, 1994 and can be obtained at the following address:

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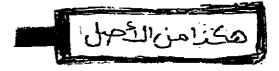
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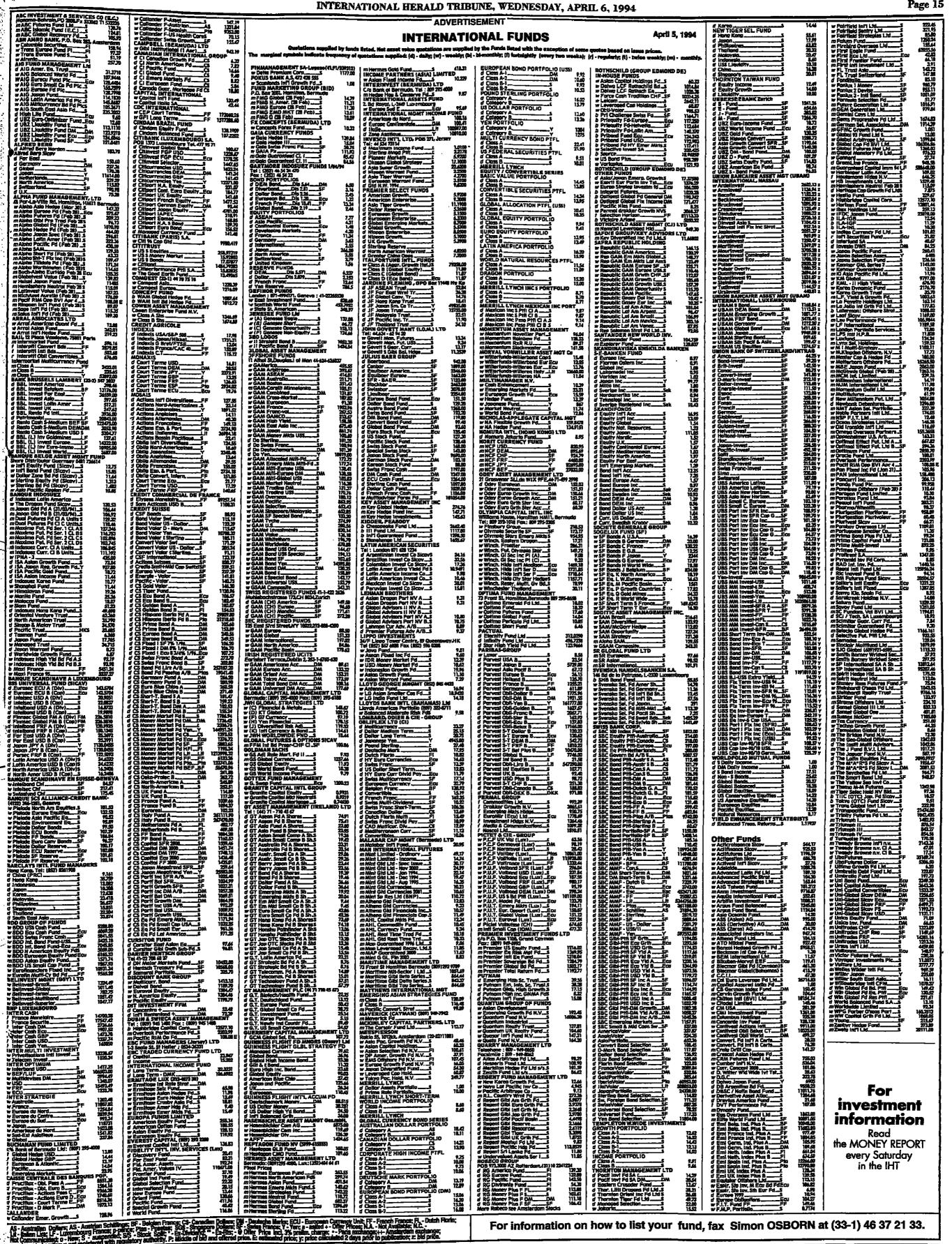
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# Despite Record 3 Homers, Off Gooden, Cubs Still Lose The Associated Press Find a player with just five homeruns in 280 big-league at-hats, give him a strong wind blowing out at french Wide-league at-hats, give his in seven imnings as San Francisco opened the season before cisco opened the season before

runs in 260 big-league at-bats, give him a strong wind blowing out at friendly Wrigley Field, and what do you get?

How about a major league re-cord: three homers in his first three at-bats of the season? Say helio to Karl Rhodes, who did the swinging while Hillary Clinton did the sing-

ing.
Still, it was a sad song for the Chicago Cubs, who couldn't manage to beat the New York Mets. "I have to tell you I don't try to hit home runs," he said after join-ing George Bell as the only player

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ever to hit three homers on opening day. "I go up there and try to hit

He hit three off New York's Dwight Gooden, but the Mets had too much offense of their own. They opened the season Monday with a 12-8 victory, spoiling the

first lady's day. Rhodes had opposite-field homers in the first, third and fifth innings, and Cubs fans littered the outfield with hats after his third. "I saw the hats flying on the field, and I was told it was like a hat

trick in hockey," the 25-year-old outfielder said. "I couldn't believe it. But if you know me, you know I'm low-key The first lady, who threw out the first ball for her favorite team, was on-key when she and Chicago broadcaster Harry Caray - start-

ing his 50th season behind the mike harmonized in his ritual seventh-inning singing of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." "It was typical Wrigley Field," said Gooden, whose career record against the Cubs grew to 27-4 despite giving up seven runs on 11 hits in 5 2/3 innings. Gooden didn't get to face Rhodes - who

also walked and got a single — a fourth time. Asked whether he had wanted to, Gooden laughed and said, "No, not in that situation, with the Cubs at home." Jose Vizcaino, traded last week from the Cubs to the Mets for pitcher Anthony Young, and Todd Hundley hit consecutive home runs in the third inning off Mike Mor-

gan. Jeff Kent, who had four hits, led off the New York fourth with a home run. Gooden had a basesloaded single in a three-run fifth. Reds 5, Cardinals 4: Owner Marge Schott, who refused to altend Cincinnati's loss to St. Louis on Sunday night because the game was played on Easter, saw the team

get its first victory on a 10th-inning home run from Kevin Mitchell. When the sports television network ESPN proposed a Sunday night season opener, Schott volunteered. But when she realized the date was Easter, she was appalled,

"You don't mess with a holy ' she said. After Hector Carrasco pitched

out of a bases-loaded threat in the top of the 10th, Mitchell homered off Rob Murphy. John Smiley pitched five shutout

innings, and Cincinnati got two-run homers from Reggie Sanders and Joe Oliver. But the bullpen

failed in the eighth. Glants 8, Pirates 0: Matt Williams didn't seem to miss former teammate Will Clark as he homered in his first two at-bats against Zane Smith and finished with five RBIs.

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58,077 people at Candlestick Park. Last season, Williams had a career-high 38 homers and 110 RBIs batting behind Clark, who left the Giants to sign with the Texas

Taking over for Clark, Todd Benzinger marked his debut at first base with a two-run triple off Ra-velo Manzanillo in the fifth.

Astros 6, Expos 5: Mitch Williams was the Wild Thing again. But his new team got him off the hook after he walked home two runs in the 12th inning.

Houston's Jeff Bagwell singled in one run, and Ken Caminiti hit a decisive two-run double at the Astrodome.

Williams, who was pitching for Philadelphia when he finished 1993 by giving up the World Series-ending home run to Toronto's Joe Carter, relieved to start the 12th with the score tied at 3. After getting two outs and allowing two hits, Williams walked three straight batters.

Braves 4, Padres 1: Two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux allowed seven hits in eight innings, and Deion Sanders and rookie Ryan Klesko hit homers as visiting Atlanta won its first game as a member of the NL East after three straight NL West crowns.

The Padres, who lost 101 games in 1993, got off to a bumbling start: The game was delayed about 15 minutes to accommodate fans stuck in ticket lines because of a computer crash. Four-time NL batting champion Tony Gwynn left after four innings with a strained left calf. And pitching ace Andy Benes was the loser.

Phillies 12, Rockies 6: Snow flurries created a chilly backdrop for visiting Philadelphia, but the de-fending NL champions' bats were hot enough to handle Colorado.

Getting a homer and four RBIs from Mariano Duncan, the Phillies began their title defense by using an eight-run eighth inning to win before 72,470 at Mile High Stadium - the fourth-largest openingday crowd in baseball history.

It was the Rockies' second-largest crowd, trailing only the 80,227 for their home opener last season. The Rockies set a baseball record by drawing 4,483,350 people in

After Andres Galarraga - who also homered - and Joe Girardi had RBI singles in the seventh to put the Rockies ahead, 6-4, the Phillies rallied on just two hits, six walks and left fielder Howard Johnson's three-run error.

 Darryl Strawberry, on the verge of being released by the Dodgers after failing to show for up for Sunday's game, told team officials that he had a drug and alcohol problem and would enter a treatment center Tuesday, the Los

Angeles Times reported. In an emotional meeting, Strawberry asked the Dodgers for help in seeking treatment. They put him on the disabled list on the eve of the 1994 season opener at Dodger Sta-

"I would say we were close" to releasing him, said Fred Claire, the team's executive vice president. Claire said that even with Strawberry's disclosure, the club could have released him. But after meeting with Strawberry and his wife, Charisse, and his attorney, Bob Shaprio, Claire changed course.



lar-season games against Toronto.
"That exact team hasn't been to-Ken Griffey Jr., scoring in the eighth, bowled over Sandy Alomar Jr. before the catcher and his Indians ended up on too in the 11th.

On a day when Randy Johnson almost made pitching history at new Jacobs Field in Cleveland. Carlos Delgado was a big hit at the

SkyDome in Canada.

Delgado launched a 450-foot (134-meter) drive off a window of the Hard Rock Cafe in right field. leading the Toronto Blue Jays over

the Chicago White Sox. 7-3, on opening day Monday.

"He was kind of protecting the plate with two strikes on him." teammate Paul Molitor joked. "Wait 'til he really gets a hold of

Molitor, the World Series MVP, and the rest of the Blue Jays got their championship rings in a pre-game ceremony. Then Toronto put on another quality show. Roberto Alomar hit a three-run

off Cy Young Award winner Jack McDowell for a 4-2 lead. In the eighth, Delgado and Ed Sprague hit consecutive home runs. "There's no doubt Robbie's hit

homer with two out in the seventh

was the big one," Molitor said. "It gave us the lead. But the guys are still talking about the one Carlos Delgado, a converted catcher playing left field, joined shortstop Alex Gonzalez as rookie starters

for the champions. Even with a new lineup, Toronto trounced McDow-He was 0-2 with a 10.00 ERA against the Blue Jays in last Octo-ber's AL playoffs. He is 3-7 in regu-

Cleveland legend, whose opening-day no-inter in

1940 against the Chicago White Sox in the old Comiskey Park was the first of three no-hitters Feller pitched in his Hall of Fame career.

That threat ended when Sandy Alomar, Jr., the

"I was concerned, but I put the hex on him,"

Indians catcher, hit a clean, one-out single to right.

said Feller, who was in position to witness the

effort by Johnson because he had been invited to

participate in first-ball ceremonies before the inau-

Asked if he was sweating out the no-hit bid,

Feller said, "I have ever since 1940 because it's

gural game at Jacobs Field.

about the only record I've got left."

Frank Thomas, the AL MVF, went 2-for-4 and scored twice for Chicago. The White Sox, who won the AL West last season, lost their first game as members of the recon-

figured AL Central. Orioles 6, Royals 3: Rafael Palmeiro homered in his Baltimore debut and newcomer Lee Smith gor the last out for a save as the Orioles

won at home. Mike Mussina was the winner

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allowing one run on two hits in eight innings, before 47,549 fans. the largest crowd for a regular-season game at Camden Yards. Mike Devereaux homered for the

Orioles off loser Kevin Appier and

ninth-place batter Jeffrey Hammonds added an RBI double. ... Mike Macfarlane homered for Kansas City, which lost for the eighth time in nine openers. The Royals scored twice in the ninth and had two runners on base before Smith relieved and retired Dave

Henderson on a grounder. Indians 4, Mariners 3: Randy Johnson, who pitched a no-hitter in 1990, lost his no-hit bid in the eighth inning, then Seattle lost the game in the 11th.

Sandy Alomar Jr. singled after a leadoff walk in the eighth for Cleveland's first hit Manny Ramirez tied it at 2 with a two-run

Both teams scored in the 10th, and the Indians won in the 13th when Eddie Murray doubled, advanced on a fly and scored on a two-out single off Kevin King Yankees 5, Rangers 3: Jimmy

Key ran his record to 5-0 in openers, pitching into the eighth inning as New York won at home. Joe DiMaggio threw out the first ball, and then the Yankee hitterstook over. Danny Tartabull and

Mike Stanley homered and Walk Boggs had four singles. Key beld Texas to five hits before doubles by Will Clark and David Hulse fimished him. Key became the first Yankee pitcher to win consecutive opening-day starts since Mei Stottlemyre won thete-

straight in 1967-69. Red Sox 9, Tigers 8: Otis Nixon. signed by Boston to add some speed, scored on a passed ball in the eighth inning to beat Detroitat

The Red Sox won despite Roger! 1111('111 Clemens giving up eight runs in 4½ innings. Clemens broke Cy Young's team record with his seventh opening-day start, but could not hold the Tigers in his first game since the worst season of his career. Boston rallied for three runs in vis. Nizon drew a two-out walk. loading the bases, and Billy Hatcher hit a two-run double that tied it at 8. With a 2-0 count, a high pitch went off catcher Mickey Tettleton's



Feller Frets, Then Throws His Best Hex

New York Times Service

CLEVELAND - For 54 years, Bob Felier has

weated through each opening day, waiting to see

if some pitcher would repeat a feat only he has ever

accomplished: throwing a no-hitter in the first

Never was that vigil more excruciating than

Monday, as Feller watched Seattle's Randy John-

son come within five outs of duplicating the feat

against the Cleveland Indians, the team Feller

Feller, 75, was among the 41,459 fans watching

for seven and one-third as Johnson threatened to

nudge his way into the record book alongside the

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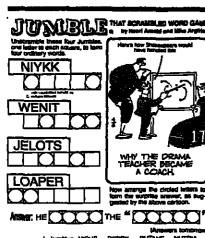
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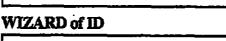






## **CALVIN AND HOBBES**











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# 6th FIFA Term

ZURICH - All five continental soccer federations agreed Tuesday to support João Have-lange's bid for a sixth term as FIFA president clearing the way for his re-election in June. The European Football Union, UEFA, had put Antonio Matarrese, its vice president and president of the Italian federation, forward as a

candidate but withdrew his name at Tuesday's "We have guarantees that no places" in the World Cup "will be taken away from Europe and that they might add them." UEFA President Lennart Johansson said.

Havelange recently promised extra spots in future tournaments to Asia and North-Central America, UEFA feared that it would lose places at their expense.

Johansson said that it was his decision that Matarrese would not opposed Havelange "and this will be on my head."

UEFA's executive committee met last week in Barcelona to consider fielding a candidate, but said it would not announce its decision until Tuesday's meeting with the other continental soccer bodies.

Johansson, once considered a likely candidate, ruled himself out of the running.

Sepp Blatter, FIFA's general secretary, whose relations with Havelange are said to be strained, said he was "not a candidate and I will certainly never be a candidate against Mr. Havelange." The decision to support Havelange was announced jointly by the presidents of the confed-

erations representing Asia, Africa, North-Central America, South America, Europe and Docania,
"Each president presented his point of view."

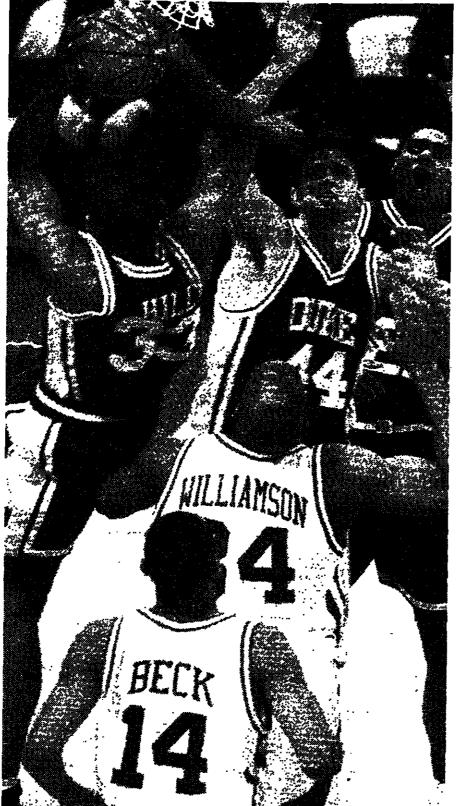
said the 77-year-old Brazilian, who has been head of the governing body for 20 years. "An accord was found. This accord is unanimous." He is credited with encouraging the sport by FIFA sponsorship programs in developing nations, for spreading its appeal to new audiences by staging this year's World Cup finals in the United States, and for turning the World Cup into a multimillion-dollar extravaganza.

But he shocked many by banning the soccer legend Pele from the World Cup draw ceremony in Las Vegas last December.

Ricardo Teixeira, Havelange's son-in-law and a member of the FIFA executive board, has sued Pelé for his allegations of corruption in the Brazilian soccer league.

Blatter, a Swiss army colonel and public relations expert who has won widespread praise for the drive to make soccer more attractive, was openly upset by the ban on Pele.

Then Havelange angered UEFA in particular by announcing at a meeting in New York that he had unanimous support for his re-election. The Europeans said later they had not asked



Grant Hill, rebounding, fell hard 20 seconds into the game, dealing Duke its first blow.

## Arkansas's the Champ, 76-72, On a Shot That Bedevils Duke

By Malcolm Moran

New York Times Service CHARLOTTE, North Carolina - At long, long last, Nolan Richardson and his Arkansas Razorbacks have earned their 40 minutes

It may not have felt that way as the Duke Blue Devils took the Ra-zorbacks into the final, taut minutes of the national collegiate championship game. But the hardearned signature ability of the Razorbacks to operate in the most stressful moments — a quality forged by the intense effort Richardson once named 40 minutes of something else — helped Arkansas win its first national championship, 76-72, over Duke on Monday night at Charlotte Coliseum

After overcoming a 10-point sec-ond-half deficit, the Razorbacks began to feel a title in their grasp when sophomore Scotty Thurman broke a 70-all tie with a 3-point shot with 50.7 seconds to play. Thurman's shot — with Duke forward Antonio Lang lunging toward him with arms outstretched and the 35-second clock down to a single second - created a deficit the Blue Devils could not overcome.

Arkansas, 31-3, prevented Duke from winning a third title in four years and joining UCLA and Kentucky as the only schools to accom-plish that feat. The Blue Devils, 28-6, lost a championship game for the fifth time, the most in the history of

Corliss Williamson, the outstanding player of the tournament, scored a game-high 23 points for the Ar-kansas. Grant Hill, Duke's firstteam all-America, was held to 12, more than 5 beneath his average

A night that began for Hill with a painful tumble and crash landing on his lower back ended with his leading the Blue Devils with 14 rebounds. But a variety of defenses employed by the Razorbacks, including zones, man-to-man and double-teaming, restricted Hill to 4 of 11 shots and helped induce 9 of Duke's 23 turnovers.

"They did a good job of getting the ball out of Grant's hands,

This game was not won or lost on one play or one missed shot," said Mike Krzyzewski, the Duke coach, who acknowledged the fatigue his players showed as early as one basket —a 22-foot, 3-point shot the end of the first half. "They just had a little more firepower." The difference, however, was

small enough that President Bill Clinton, when asked by a pool reporter if he had been worried, said, "I was worried the whole week. I was worried to the very end."

The president, who sat in a private box at the rear of the lower level, visited both dressing rooms afterward.

Richardson, who had maintained throughout the weekend that his work and that of other African-American coaches had been underappreciated and his team's intelligence had not been recognized, was suddenly at the top

Duke had won 18 of its last 19 tournament games, and the senior class of Hill, Lang and guard Marty Clark was painfully close to completing a third championship season in the rarest of college careers.

The Razorbacks made just 39 percent of their shots, the lowest total in their six tournament games.

that tied the score at 70-all with 1:30 to play — in the final 14:48. Richardson called time out with

1:15 left. Then, as the shot clock ticked toward a violation, Thurman took a pass from junior center Dwight Stewart and squared himself for the shot. He said that, at first, as he left his

feet to avoid Lang's reach and re-lease the shot, he thought the shot clock would run out.

"I had to get it over his arm,"
Thurman said. "He did get there. I
just got it of quickly." Williamson, seeing the shot clock and Lang's reach, began to pray. "I said, Please, please, Lord, let it go in."

But once the ball was beyond Lang's reach and away before the Lang's reach and away before the buzzer, Thurman knew the worst was pride," Richardson said. "The was over. "I just felt it was going to go in," he said, and smiled. "I don't

know why he was praying."

Duke sophomore Chris Collins, whose 12 points included 4 of 8 3-Thurman got the rebound, guard

made one free throw with 28.4 seconds to play for a 74-70 lead.

Collins then missed on a drive with 19 seconds to go. Corey Beck took the rebound and was fouled by Lang, who fouled out with 17.2 seconds left, having led the Blue Devils with 15 points. Beck made one foul shot for a 75-70 lead.

Cherokee Parks, who got 14 points and 7 rebounds despite hav-ing strained his left knee in the semifinals, scored on an offensive rebound with 10.2 seconds left. It was 75-72. McDaniel, fouled by Collins with 9 seconds to go, missed the first free throw. Duke clung to a chance to tie. But McDaniel's second shot was good for a 4-point lead, and a presidential championship celebration was seconds away.

president is from a small state. There's a lot of pride in that state. And the Razorbacks are its pride. It's pride and joy. And that, I think, is the reason he was probably tearypoint shots, then took a 25-foot shot eyed when I visited with him. Bethat missed with 35 seconds to go. cause something great had hap-



Corliss Williamson, bulling by Hill and Cherokee Parks, got a game-high 23 points and the MVP trophy

## The African Nations Cup: Of Marriages and Mastery

SIOWIY, CUSTINCTIY, THE ATTICAN DIEW COMES to the boil. Soccer on this vast, emerging continent is now a blend of European organization and of the skills that grow in the wild.

Thankfully, traces of innocence survive. Thankfully, individuals still shoot optimistically when they see the whites of the goalposts. And there are still players who toy with the ball, players deaf to gurus screaming that safe play comes first.
Wednesday's semifinals of the 19th African Nations Cup

promise something of both cultures. First, in the afternoon, Nigeria's "Super Eagles" match their pace and power against Ivory Coast players inappropriately nicknamed the "Elephants," who dodge

and weave as they scurry Rob Hughes A along fleet of foot. in the evening comes an

affair of the heart. Zambia, risen from last year's dreadful plane crash, plays Mah, a rank outsider which dared outplay the host nation, Tunisia.

Of the four semifinalists, Nigeria, at last harnessing the latent resources of a near 100-million population, is heavily favored to win the tournament. But expectation is as twofaced in Africa as anywhere else, a strength but a burden.

After Ghana lost to Ivory Coast the entire Ghanaian coaching staff was sacked on Monday. There is no clemency anywhere. Ask Clement Westerhof, the philosophical Dutchman who once was fired by Nigeria, and who returned to guide that nation to this summer's World Cup. Speaking on BBC World Service, Westerhof acknowl-

edged that he, 100, might be dismissed if Nigeria does not win the Nations Cup. "Sometimes they put you on the top of the mountain," he said, "and sometimes they hang you on a tree. It goes with the job." Westerhof knows the score. The Nigerians "respect me, I respect them," he said. "I believe Nigeria has players who

can win a World Cup. So has Ghana and Ivory Coast. They have the talent but they lack facilities." The eternal African equation. Where talents shine on the Entinent they are mined like diamonds, shipped to foreign lands, where they cost less than Europeans expect to pay but

in 1993, is one of 33 Nigerians playing in Europe. Yekini, towering, muscular, rapid center-forward, has given Nigeria more than 70 matches, and performed many times that number in Portugal for Vitoria Setubal.

He personifies Nigeria's approach. He seems almost disinterested, conserving himself for the summer, able to win matches by sudden bursts out of languidity. Super Eagle Yekini swooped for both Nigerian goals to put Zaire out of the quarterfinals. His first combined eve-catching delicacy with raw force. He accepted a pass with a caress of his right foot and, before the ball had dropped to ground, struck it a second time with the same foot. No goalkeeper could stop the shot, and none would have intercepted Yekini's second goal, a penalty hit with awesome disdain.

Yekini is a role model to the young Nigerians who, last summer, returned from Japan as the world under-17 champions. And Wednesday's opponents from the Ivory Coast also respect him because another brace of Yekini goals destroyed their World Cup qualification last October.

Yet it is folly to underestimate Ivory Coast, the reigning Nations champion. It has only this pride to concentrate on in '94, and it has ousted Ghana. Under the Polish coach Henryk Kasperczak, Ivory Coast

can flatter to a fault. The orange shirts buzz around midfield, fluidly, industriously, playing a waiting game out of which Joel Tiehi and Abdoulaye Traore dart forward to scent and to score goals.

the Ghanaians unaware. Traore dived instinctively to head in the ball at knee height - and when did you ever see an elephant do such a thing? G HANA'S ONE ANSWER was a tremendous free-kick goal by the Cologne-based Charles Akkunor. But the

other Ghanaian in Germany, Tony Yaboah, had divided In Tunis he wore white boots for an exclusive fee from the

manufacturer. He also wore the distracted air of a man who insisted that, whether or not Ghana made Sunday's final, he would be flying "home" to lead Eintrach Frankfurt's attack in the crucial Bundesliga match against Bayern Munich.

Typically, Rachidi Yekimi, the African player of the year

With Yaboah's priorities divided, with the magic of Abedi

1993 is one of 33 Nigerians playing in France Yekimi a of losing their jobs.

Meanwhile, Mali, with fewer pretensions and no higher motives, crept stealthily into this semi. Against a dramatic, dark blue evening sky, Mali disposed of Tunisia in Tunis, a defeat that wrecked attendance at subsequent games and did nothing for home defender Taoufik Hickhori, who was sent off for two grotesque fouls.

Two fouls from him, two fine goals from Mali — a strike at high speed by Fernand Coulibaly and a carled free-kick from Abdoul Karim Sidibe.

"OULIBALY, 23, PLAYS for Saudi Arabia's Al Ahly club. So do half the Egyptian national squad, but that did not deter Coulibaly from orchestrating Mali's quarterfinal victory over the Egyptians.

True, Mali rode its luck, and the Egyptians squandered chances. Still, Zambia will take nothing for granted in the semifinal. It is rebuilding after the crash that killed 18 players last April 28. The British consulate provided and paid a Scotsman, Iar Porterfield, to coach the new team. As a Brit would, he has organized a solid base around a 6

foot, 2 defender, John Lungu. The strategy, to hold and to break forward with tenacity, overcame Senegal, I-0, in the The precious goal reiterated the African's willingness to hit the target from 20 meters and more. Evans Sakala, whose

Both did so against Ghana, with a nimbleness that caught main role is defense, has probably never before conjured such a kick, or induced such crafty influence on the ball so that it dips and deceives a goalie as did his 38th-minute score against Senegal.

He has some tale to take back to South Africa, where he earns his rand. But travelers' tales are plentiful. Clement Westerhof has many, among them the Nigerian who kissed him and proposed: "Man, bring home the Nations Cup, and I'll give you my wife!" Westerhof swears he replied: "Don't do that I already

have one wife, and if I took yours I'd have two, you'd have none, and we'd both be in trouble." Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.

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## Winning for Richardson Comes as Easy as 1, 2, 3

By Anthony Cotton Washington Post Service

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina - There is nothing like a hand-inyour-face, beat-the-clock 3-point shot to make a man a smart coach. And when Scotty Thurman sank the biggest shot of Arkansas' victory in the NCAA tournament, Nolan Richardson was looking pretty smart,

even if he wouldn't say so himself. "Being smart in basketball doesn't mean you'll win the game," the Ar-kansas coach said. "What I tell my kids is to make good decisions." But when Thurman got the basketball on the right side of the court with 51 seconds to play and the

score tied at 70, there was no time to make any kind of decision. "I was hoping that the ball would come to me," he said. "I had just missed a couple of shots, and one

was a bad one.' Early in the second half it appeared that Arkansas would be in no position to work any last-second magic. Duke's 13-0 run turned a 38-35 Arkansas lead into a 10-point deficit with 17 minutes left. But the Razorbacks hadn't lost

any of their bravura. like that to us," said point guard Corey Beck. "But even so, I don't think we were giving them that much respect that we would let them keep on doing it to us."

Beck said his team was "unfoardson, having called a timeout, got their attention again. There were still 17 minutes left.

before. "I told them three things: 1, we

were taking too many early shots; in," Lang said.

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2, I wanted 'Big Nasty' " -- center Corliss Williamson - "to touch the ball before we took a shot; and, 3, most important, I told them

they'd better get their butts after it on defense. We did all three." And in the next nine minutes Duke mirned over the ball nine times.

From the Duke locker room, Ken Denlinger of The Washington Post reported:

Holding an ice pack to a tailbone he'd injured on the game's first possession, Grant Hill said, "No question I'm disappointed. But I'm proud of the team, proud that we were able to position ourselves for the national title. I can't hang my

The Blue Devils had seemed capable of pulling off a victory. With a flurry three minutes after half-time that included points from all five starters, they had a 48-38 lead. "But you can't stop a great team like that," Hill said. "Sooner or later, they're going to explode."

Twenty seconds into the game, while trying to grab a rebound, Hill had hit the floor with such force that Duke's coach, Mike Krzy-Every team can't do something zewski, leaped off the bench and rushed to his side.

After more than a minute on the floor, Hill was up and walking to the bench. A minute later, he was back in the game.

"Lost my balance," he said. "I cused" during that stretch. Rich- think it affected me more after the game. You can't get tired in a game like this." Then there was Thurman's shot.

we can score 30 points in five min-taken from well beyond the 3-point ntes," he said. "I told them this line as Antonio Lang flashed toain't nothin' new; we'd been there ward him, getting a hand in his face as Thurman let fly.

"I still don't know how it went

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## Hard-Boiled Children

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — I never be-lieved in the Easter Bunny. Even when I was just six months old and should have been extreme-

carried me out to the backyard where the chickens lived, and into the henhouse where the eggs had just been laid. Those eggs were laid

The people carrying me made that so clear that a six-month-old pect, with puberty. Industrial-child could grasp it, even though he strength foolishness sets in — in wasn't yet at ease with syntax and English vocabulary.

I admit to language limitations. To me at that primitive age the chickens idling in the backyard were just chickens. Only recently have chicken sellers taught me that they were actually "free-range chickens."

many, many years now I have thought of that backyard where the even possible in children. chickens pecked as just another backyard. Now I practice thinking of it as a range.

This is not easy. Besides chickens we kept a couple of hogs back there in a pigpen. It is no great feat to imagine chickens roaming the range, but hogs are hard.

A range is a place where deer and antelope play and where chickens, stupid though they are, can probably at least roam. Hogs neither play nor roam. Even when I had only six months of worldly experience, no bacon salesmen could have persuaded me those were "free-range

What amazed me was that people I trusted asked me to believe in rabbits that laid hard-boiled eggs. As age corrupted me with guile, I inquired one day how the Easter Bunny managed his distribution problems: all that weight of chocoate and hard-boiled eggs, and rabbits such small creatures. Somebody grown-up explained that the Easter Bunny delivered from a basket carried around the neck as he

loped from house to house. I now know it's hard being a parent, and coping with the Easter Bun-ny is one of the hardest parts of the work, at least until adolescence strikes the house. What is impressive is how willingly small children con-nive in the adults' Easter Bunny.

Well of course, when the reward for being credulous of nonsense is candy galore it would take a very foolish child to play the skeptic. What goes on in the heads of chilly gullible, I knew that rabbits didn't lay hard-boiled eggs.

Too many people had already and it was probably completely orand it was probably completely or-dinary, and rather typical.

> Foolish I was not not until age began to have her way with me. Foolishness makes its arrival, I susmales, at least - at about the age of 18. This is why the military prefers males in the 18-to-25-year-old range

when there's combat to be done. At about 30, foolishness abates very gradually until Social Security is collectible, though often flaring up with adolescent intensity as the I am pleased to learn this. For male approaches 50. I strongly doubt, however, that foolishness is

> Notice, for example, that people who talk about "the joys of child-hood" are always adults. Only an adult, utterly remote from the reality of childhood, could suppose it is

> To be sure, these immense creatures may love you unless you are terribly unlucky, and your own in-clination is to love them back. Yet you are completely in their power. You go to bed at their command, eat what they tell you to eat, confine your movements to the spaces they designate.

You are, in fact, as much a prisoner as any foolish adult doing time in the penitentiary. Having had no experience of freedom, of course, you accept your situation as the best of all possible worlds, learn to make the best of it and usually develop a profound love for the

wardens, your parents.
Instinctively, however, the child must, must know there is something more desirable. Freedom, perhaps Thus follows the ordeal of adolescence. Childhood was comfortable if you were lucky enough to be loved and safe, but even then it was not an age of joys. Joy is being grown up, an un-child, free. Not having to make some poor adult happy by pretending to believe that rabbits lay hard-boiled eggs.

New York Times Service

# Lisa Henson, Highbrow Mogul

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES -- At the age of 33, Lisa Henson is the youngest studio head in Hollywood, one of a handful of powerful women here and, most significant, a new

breed of movie executive.

Highbrow? she said with a nervous laugh. "Does anyone really think of me as highbrow?"

Well, yes. Henson, the recently appointed president of Columbia Pictures, is indeed a far cry from the old-time Hollywood moguls, and even the current crop, for that matter.

The old-timers were men without elite educations, often from the streets of New York, whose visions and fantasies, for better or worse, shaped audience perceptions about a nation in the grip of economic turmoil, war

Henson is the only studio chief to have majored in ancient Greek and folklore my-thology at Harvard. She was also the first female president of The Harvard Lampoon. Yet she insists that there is absolutely no disparity between her privileged background and making movies for mass audiences.

At the same time, she says it is unfair to characterize her - and the plethora of Ivy League executives and producers rolling into Hollywood — as being either out of touch with audiences or patronizing them.
"I worked on the 'Lethal Weapon' series at

Warner Brothers and found those movies fun, very well-written," she said, sitting in her sparely furnished office at the Sony Studios in Culver City. "I'm a genuinely enthusiastic moviegoer. And I am very forgiving toward movies, not only because I know how hard they are to make but because I have a strong and wide appetite for them."

Friendly, impretentious, quick-witted and both guarded about herself and surprisingly blunt, Henson makes it plain that she abbors interviews. Part of the reason is that interviewers focus, inevitably, on the fact that she is the eldest child of Jim Henson, the creator of the Muppets, who died of a streptococcal infection in 1990.

But the major reason is that the process of talking about herself does not come easily. "When I was elected president of The Hai vard Lampoon, I was so myopic and involved in my own life that I didn't understand when people from The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal and the news shows began calling me because I was the first wom-an," she said, sipping tea.

"I actually said - and I was trying to be funny — that I slept my way to the job. I had no idea that you don't make jokes. I was horrified. Whatever I said was printed. I did everything wrong. I said everything wrong. It was a formative experience. I cried myself to



Henson is president of Columbia Pictures.

sleep many nights. I was not smart at all." Some producers say she can be dismissive, chilly and not especially sensitive, flaws she shares with many studio executives. Naturally,

Henson bristles at such comments.

She credits her success to Lucy Fisher, the executive vice president for worldwide theatrical production at Warner Brothers, and Mark Canton, a former Warner Brothers executive and now the chairman of the Columbia Tri-Star Motion Picture Companies. Even before her graduation from Harvard in 1983, she got a ob working as the executive assistant to Fisher, who had graduated from Harvard a decade before, and Canton.

"It was rigorous training with Lucy," Hen-son said. "She's a perfectionist, the most thorough person with a script that I've ever met. She's also a very strong executive with a low-keyed persona

Her father and her mother, Jane Henson, played dominant roles in her life. "He was extremely inclusive creatively," Henson said of her father. "There were five kids and, as each kid grew up, he included all of us in what he was doing at the time. I went to pitch meetings that he had at studios, marketing meetings. He just sat me in the corner and

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said, 'Be quiet and listen.' I thought all parents behaved that way."

Asked about her father's influence, Henson

said: "I think about the way he did business. There was actual goodwill toward people. He created a positive atmosphere where creativity and good things can happen."

About her mother, who lives in New York (her parents were separated at the time of Henson's death), she said: "My mother is strong-willed. People know my father as a gentle type. My mother is perhaps stronger. All the children have these two threads." (The other four children are involved in Jim Henson Productions or are attending college.) At Warner Brothers, Henson quickly rose through the executive ranks in the late 1980s and early '90s and was involved in such films as "Lethal Weapon," "Batman," "The Last Boy Scout," "New Jack City," "Free Willy"

"Fearless." She decided against renewing her contract at Warners as an executive vice president in 1992 and spent several months in the Himalayas, mostly trekking with her sister Heather. Later she spent several months in London,

then returned to Los Angeles to redecorate her home in the Benedict Canyon area in Beverly Hills. "I needed some quiet time," she said. Her appointment last August by Canton as president of production at Columbia came during an especially bleak moment at the studio. At the time, and in the months that followed, the studio, which is owned by Sony,

was consumed by rumors of executive in-volvement with Heidi Fleiss, who was accused of running a call-girl service.

Even more problematic, the studio has released a series of big-budget flops, notably "I'll Do Anything" and "Geronimo."

At the moment, some agents and producers say, the studio remains in the doldrums and seems not quite as aggressive in pursuing new scripts as some of its rivals.

Henson, who was appointed studio presi dent several weeks ago, insisted that she and Columbia are engaged in a search for eclectic movies. Her responsibilities, however, are more limited than those of rival studio presidents as she doesn't have the full authority to green-light movies. "I put a slight premium on something that seems unique, a movie that distinguishes itself from other movies."

Films that have involved her, and are either in production or the planning stages, include a dark comedy about an aspiring television news anchor, written by Buck Henry, starring Nianchor, written by Buck Henry, starting Ni-cole Kidman and directed by Gus Van Sant; a drama, "Higher Learning," about campus multiculturalism, written and directed by John Singleton; "Little Women," with Winona Ry-der; "First Knight," based on the King Arthur legend, directed by Jerry Zucker, and probably starting Sean Comnery and Richard Gere, and "Monterean" a Domen Women connedy "Blankman," a Damon Wayans comedy.

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## A House of Discord

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Princess Martha Louise, the 22year-old daughter of the king of Norway, has been named co-respondent in a British divorce suit. the Oslo newspaper Dagbladet re-ports. Irene Morris, a British groports. Irene morns, a briush gro-cery store clerk, claims that her husband, Philip Morris, had an af-fair with the daughter of King Har-ald V. Morris, a former warehouse worker turned professional horseman, met the princess at an equestrian meet in the Netherlands in the spring of 1992, and the two were ta's international festival. The spring of 1992, and the two were later seen together at other events in Europe, the tabloid said. Morris left his wife in July 1992; she filed suit in March in Chester.

Vice President Al Gore shows up on Premiere magazine's annual "100 Most Powerful People in Holywood" list, as No. 100. He is noticed for making Washington aware of the so-called information superhighway of life. Steven Spiel-berg tops the list, and the producer Sherry Lansing is the highest-rank-ing woman. Others: Clint Eastwood, Kevin Costner, Robert Redford, Julia Roberts and the agent Michael Ovitz.

Police used tear gas and pepper gas against hundreds of rock- and bottle-throwing fans who tried to

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American Hispanic actors are push their way into a sold-out calling for a boycott of the The Grateful Dead concert in Orlando. tickets began taunting mounted police officers, and several hundred fans rushed the entrances. There were no arrests or injuries and inside the arena, the band played without incident. The Dead had canceled their first show after a band member's father became ill. Fans were offered refunds instead of tickers to the next night's show.

> The romance novelist Pat Booth has hired the hotshot lawyer F. Lee Bailey after a supermarket set-to with another shopper in Palm Beach, Florida, got a tad out of hand. It seems the women went at it over whose turn it was when a new register opened up. Booth told The Washington Post that Muriel Grant, a local housekeeper, attacked her and claims that Grant "tried to stuff my whole hand into her mouth, and ended up with my pinky between her teeth and dragged me for about five feet like a dog on a bone." She should really be saving this for her next book.

Karen Durbin, Mirabella magazine's arts editor, has been named editor of The Village Voice. She replaces Jonathan Larsen, who resigned in February.

An Australian theater company has won a United Nations arts Handspan Theatre won the Promotion of the Arts award from Unesco for its play "Four Little Girls," written by Pablo Picasso.

Jodie Foster, a two-time Oscar winner who starred in "Silence of the Lambs," is neither silent nor sheepish about her abilities. "You either have it or you don't," she told Vanity Fair. "I'm in the best possible position I can be in, because I have talent, a commodity l can sell, that I can ram down people's throats."

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